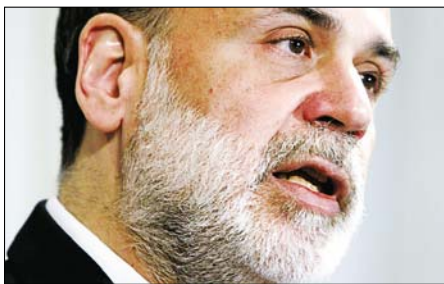


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Police: 1981 Killing of Adam Walsh Solved



CASE CLOSED: John Walsh and his family listen Tuesday as police in Hollywood, Fla., announce that serial killer Ottis Toole was responsible for the 1981 murder of the Walshes' son Adam. The case inspired Walsh to create "America's Most Wanted." ♦ **Admission:** Killer confessed before his death | **Page 3**

First Face Transplant in U.S.

Doctors in Cleveland replace 80 percent of woman's face

A woman so horribly disfigured she was willing to risk her life to do something about it has undergone the nation's first near-total face transplant, the Cleveland Clinic announced Tuesday.

Reconstructive surgeon Dr. Maria Siemionow and a team of other specialists replaced 80 percent of the woman's face with that of a female cadaver a couple of weeks ago in a bold and controversial operation

certain to stoke the debate over the ethics of such a surgery.

The patient's name and age were not released, and the hospital said her family wanted the reason for her transplant to remain confidential.

The transplant was the fourth worldwide; two have been done in France, and one was performed in China. Details of the Cleveland surgery were not disclosed, but surgeons

generally transplant skin, facial nerves and muscle, and often other deep tissue. That is done so that the new face will actually function and not just be a mask.

Unlike operations involving vital organs like hearts and livers, transplants of faces or hands are done to improve quality of life — not extend it. Recipients run the risk of deadly complications and must take immune-suppressing drugs for the rest of their lives to prevent organ rejection, raising their odds of cancer and many other problems. (AP)



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Is This How Santa Gets His Toys?

A suspicious surplus of Christmas spirit led to an arrest. Westminster, Calif., police say officers responded to a disturbance call at the house of 48-year-old Vuong Pham, where they found rooms overflowing with wicker reindeer, plastic snowmen and inflatable Santas. For weeks people in Pham's Orange County neighborhood had reported a steady disappearance of lights, figures and faux trees from their front yards. Police say they connected the thefts to Pham after looking through his house, and arrested him Monday on suspicion of grand theft and possession of stolen property. (AP)



CRIME

Foolishly, They Forgot To Demand Any Eggs

It really must have been a special item. According to the Hillsborough County, Fla., Sheriff's Office, two men entered a man's home early Sunday and demanded his egg-

beater. One suspect was holding a pistol while the other held a knife to the resident's neck. Police caught the men outside the home, and they are being held in Orient Road Jail. One suspect also faces a charge of aggravated assault. Police found the eggbeater in the accused man's left pocket. (AP)

ATHLETICS

Hope Floats

The Coupe de Noel is a 125-meter race through the close-to-freezing waters of Switzerland's Lake Geneva. Often, participants dress up in costumes and then take the plunge. Here, a swimmer disguised as a banker uses a giant \$100 bill as a flotation device. He might not have been so cheerful if he knew the U.S. economy is sinking like a stone. (EXPRESS)

ANIMALS

Deadbeat Bird

Emer the errant emu is home after roaming free across northern Rhode Island for a month. Authorities, local

residents and owner Pamela Hood had tried to capture him. Yet he managed to outlast tranquilizer darts, traffic, freezing temperatures and hunger. Finally, on Saturday, a Burrillville, R.I., woman spotted the 6-foot-tall,

130-pound bird sauntering up her driveway. Emer took off the same night his mate laid an egg. It falls to male emus to sit on eggs for incubation. With its father back, the egg has a better chance of hatching. (AP)



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GETTING WARMER: More than 2 trillion tons of land ice in Greenland, Antarctica and Alaska have melted since 2003, according to NASA satellite data that show the latest signs of what scientists say is global warming. More than half of the ice loss was in Greenland, NASA said.

Nation

SW Border Fence Hits 500 Miles

Project will be nearly finished when Obama takes office in January

WASHINGTON | The government has completed 500 miles of fencing along the Southwest border, 170 miles short of its goal.

At this pace, the administration expects to have at least 600 miles complete by Jan. 20, when Barack Obama takes over as president, according to Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

The president-elect has said he wants to evaluate what's working on the border as he considers whether to continue building the 670 miles of fencing. But by Chertoff's estimation, there will not be much left to build.

The fence along the U.S.-Mexico border is not intended to stop illegal immigration altogether, but make it more difficult for people to enter the U.S. illegally, Bush administration officials say.

Congress has set aside \$2.7 billion for the fence since 2006, but there's no estimate for how much the entire system will cost to build and maintain. (AP)

Case Closed for 'Most Wanted' Host

Police say serial killer, now dead, murdered Walsh's son in 1981

HOLLYWOOD, FLA. | A serial killer who died more than a decade ago is the person who decapitated the 6-year-old son of "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh in 1981, police in Florida said Tuesday.

The announcement brought to a close a case that has vexed the Walsh

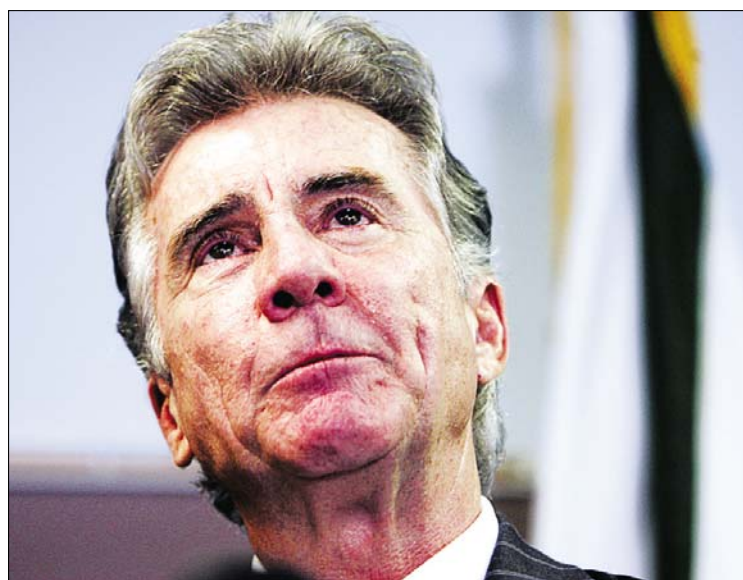


Adam Walsh

family for more than two decades, launched the television show about the nation's most notorious criminals and inspired changes in how authorities search

for missing children.

"Who could take a 6-year-old and murder and decapitate him? Who?" an emotional John Walsh said Tuesday. "We needed to know. We needed to know. And today we know. The not knowing has been a



Tears roll down John Walsh's cheek Tuesday in Hollywood, Fla., as he talks about the death of his son, Adam, in 1981, and the conclusion of his murder investigation.

torture, but that journey's over."

Walsh's wife, Reve, at one point placed a small photo of their son on the podium.

Police named Ottis Toole, saying he was long the prime suspect in the case and that they had con-

clusively linked him to the killing. They declined to be specific about their evidence but said an extensive review of the case file pointed only to Toole, as John Walsh long contended.

Toole had twice confessed to kill-

ing the child but later recanted. He claimed responsibility for hundreds of murders, but police determined most of the confessions were lies. Toole's niece told the boy's father, John Walsh, her uncle confessed on his deathbed in prison that he killed Adam.

Hollywood Police Chief Chadwick Wagner acknowledged numerous missteps in the investigation and apologized to the Walshes.

Many names have been mentioned in connection to the case in the years since the killing, but Toole's has persistently nagged detectives. John Walsh has long said he believed the drifter was responsible, saying investigators found at Toole's home in Jacksonville a pair of green shorts and a sandal similar to what Adam was wearing.

The Walshes long ago derided the investigation as botched. Still, John Walsh praised the Hollywood police department.

"This is not to look back and point fingers, but it is to let it rest," he said. (AP)

Yale's Endowment Falls 25 Percent

NEW HAVEN, CONN. | Yale University said Tuesday its nearly \$23 billion endowment has dropped 25 percent to about \$17 billion in recent months due to the recession, prompting the college to delay construction projects and take other cost-cutting measures.

Yale normally provides an annual

update on its endowment, but Yale President Richard Levin provided the update Tuesday amid concerns about the economy's effects.

Yale's "best estimate" of the endowment's value now is \$17 billion, Levin said. Yale projects an annual budget shortfall of \$100 million next year. (AP)

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"If we're going to use taxpayer financing to assist the automakers, all stakeholders are going to have to come to the table."

—WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY DANA PERINO, WHO ON TUESDAY SAID THE NATION'S AUTOMAKERS MUST "MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS TO BECOME VIABLE" IF THEY WANT TAXPAYER MONEY.

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Dark Energy Keeps It Light

Scientists: Mysterious force prevents galaxies from getting too large

WASHINGTON | Mysterious dark energy, which likely causes the universe to keep expanding, seems to have another effect: It prevents the biggest clusters of galaxies from getting too fat.

Astronomers used X-rays to study the formation of galactic clusters billions of years ago. Their research supports the hard-to-fathom concept of dark energy as a potent force that governs the growth of the universe.

It also means Albert Einstein's century-old theory of general rela-

BEHIND THE SCIENCE

→ Dark energy is still a relatively new idea that came out a decade ago when measurements of star supernovae showed the universe was surprisingly expanding. One way to explain the expansion — building on an idea Einstein first broached — is that another force in the universe is essentially fighting gravity. That force is dark energy.

tivity passes another crucial, but not conclusive, real-world test.

Scientist Alexey Vikhlinin used NASA's Earth-orbiting Chandra X-ray Observatory to find that dark energy acts as a force that

keeps clusters of galaxies — about 1,000 bright galaxies or more — from essentially overeating and getting too big.

Without dark energy, these giant clusters would keep forming, getting denser and bigger because of gravity. But in the last few billion years that hasn't happened, said Vikhlinin, a scientist at the Harvard Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass.

He looked at when 86 such clusters formed and saw the slowdown in girth, starting about 5.5 billion years ago. The logical cause: dark energy.

"They're put on a diet, a permanent diet," Vikhlinin said in a telephone interview. (AP)



Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. is trying to clear his name in the pay-for-play scandal that has ensnared Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Ill. Gov Nixed Job for Jackson's Wife

Source: Blagojevich requested \$25,000 for lottery appointment

CHICAGO | Shortly after his 2002 election, Gov. Rod Blagojevich told Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. he didn't appoint the congressman's wife as lottery director because he had refused him a \$25,000 campaign donation, a person familiar with the conversation told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"Blagojevich went out of his way

to say, 'You know, I was considering your wife for the lottery job, and the \$25,000 you didn't give me — that's why she's not getting the job,'" the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing federal investigation.

Jackson's name has played prominently ever since Blagojevich was arrested last week on corruption charges, including allegations that he tried to sell or trade President-elect Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat for personal gain.

Jackson has been identified as

one of the candidates Blagojevich was considering for the seat, and a criminal complaint said his supporters were willing to raise \$1.5 million for the governor if he picked the congressman.

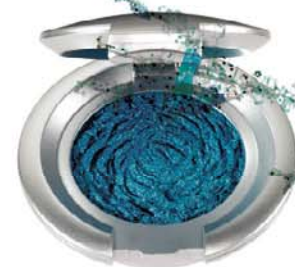
Jackson spokesman Kenneth Edmonds declined to comment on the account of the exchange shortly after Blagojevich's 2002 election but said the congressman, the son of civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, has approached federal investigators to discuss the governor and others for years. DON BABWIN (AP)



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LEGALLY GROSS: Residents in Sarasota, Fla., have regained their right to spit. City commissioners on Monday voted to abolish a law dating back to 1908 that banned spitting in the city. Lawyers said the law was used to target residents in lower-income neighborhoods.

Obama Names Top Education Pick

President-elect selects Chicago schools chief to lead reform effort

CHICAGO | President-elect Barack Obama announced Arne Duncan, the head of the Chicago school system, as education secretary Tuesday and declared that failing to improve classroom instruction is "morally unacceptable for our children."

"When it comes to school reform, Arne is the most hands-on of hands-on practitioners," Obama said, making the announcement at a school that he said has made



President-elect Obama introduces Arne Duncan, left, as his nominee for education secretary. Duncan said education is "the civil rights issue of our generation."

remarkable progress under Duncan's leadership.

"He's not beholden to any one ideology, and he's worked tirelessly to improve teacher quality," Obama said.

Duncan stood nearby, the latest member to be named to the Cabinet of the president-elect. His appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

"No issue is more pressing than education. ... It is the civil rights issue of our generation," Duncan said in brief remarks.

Duncan has run the country's third-biggest school district since

2001, pushing to boost teacher quality and closing schools that fail.

Duncan's nomination will please reform advocates who wanted a big-city schools chief who has sought to hold schools and teachers accountable for student performance.

These advocates have squared off against teachers' unions in a contentious debate among Democrats over who Obama should choose. Unions wanted a strong advocate for their members.

Yet Duncan's nomination may please the unions, which have said he seems willing to work with them.

"Arne Duncan actually reaches out and tries to do things in a collaborative way," said Randi Weingarten, head of the American Federation of Teachers. (AP)

Army Expands Honors At Arlington Cemetery

Special treatment will be given to all soldiers killed while in action

WASHINGTON | Starting next year, the Army will provide full military honors for all soldiers killed in action when they are laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

The change in policy means funerals for enlisted soldiers now will also include the horse-drawn caisson and other honors previously given only to certain soldiers such as officers and Medal of Honor recipients.

Army spokesman Paul Boyce said Tuesday that the full honors also adds an escort platoon, a colors team and a band, whereas standard honors uses a firing party, bugler and chaplain.



Members of the honor guard take part in a funeral service at Arlington Cemetery.

"Arlington National Cemetery is an expression of our nation's reverence for those who served her in uniform, many making the ultimate sacrifice," Secretary of the Army Pete Geren said in a statement. "This new policy provides a common standard for honoring all soldiers killed in action." (AP)



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—VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY, COMPLIMENTING PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA'S STAFF PICKS IN AN INTERVIEW ON ABC. CHENEY ALSO REITERATED HIS OPPOSITION TO CLOSING GUANTANAMO BAY.



UNEARTHED: British and Moroccan scientists said Tuesday they have found the remains of two new species of extinct animals in the Saharan desert: a new type of pterosaur, a Mesozoic-era flying reptile, and a new species of sauropod, a Jurassic-age herbivore, in southeast Morocco.

World

In Brief



A TV screen grab shows youths who disrupted a speech by the Greek PM.

ATHENS, GREECE

Protesters Disrupt Television Broadcast by Prime Minister

Greek protesters pushed their way into a television studio Tuesday, forcing broadcasters to put out anti-government messages after days of violent street protests. A group of about 10 youths got into the studio of NET state television and turned off a broadcast of a speech by Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis, forcing cameras to instead show them holding banners that read: "Stop watching, get out onto the streets." (AP)

LONDON

British-Iraqi MD Convicted In Failed Car Bombings

A British-Iraqi doctor was convicted of conspiracy to murder Tuesday for failed car bomb attacks upon young nightclubbers and rescue workers in London and airport travelers in Scotland. Prosecutors said he plotted to kill hundreds in revenge for the deaths of loved ones in Iraq. Bilal Abdulla, 29, who is due to be sentenced Wednesday in London, was also convicted of conspiring to cause blasts in London and Glasgow. (AP)

COSTA DO SAUIPE, BRAZIL

Latin Americans at Summit Discuss U.S.' Exclusion

Forget the global economic crisis. What Latin American leaders were talking about at a summit Tuesday was who was not present: the United States. The largest hemispheric summit to exclude the U.S. was hailed by Washington's critics as a sign of a new era. Cuba's integration into the Rio Group added to the buzz. "The presence of Cuba is a very strong signal that America is no longer the boss in Latin America," Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said. (AP)

New South African Party Launches

Political splinter group is seen as challenge to ruling ANC movement

BLOEMFONTEIN, SOUTH AFRICA | A splinter group of prominent African National Congress politicians launched a new party Tuesday in the first major challenge to the movement since it took power nearly 15 years ago after toppling South Africa's apartheid government.

At dueling rallies Tuesday, the ANC drew its usual crowds. But the opposition politicians gathering across town delivered enough energy and rhetoric to worry the nation's long-dominant political force.

Dominated by former ANC officials — though none with the drawing power of current ANC leader Jacob Zuma or party icon Nelson Mandela — the newly formed Congress of the People, or COPE, was not expected to defeat the ANC in general elections next year.

But the ANC was clearly worried there might be enough discontent among voters for the new party to seriously cut into its large parliamentary majority.

On Tuesday, the governing party organized a counter rally in the university town of Bloemfontein, 250 miles south of Johannesburg, which the ANC considers its birthplace.

Zuma, a 66-year-old former guerrilla leader, drew thunderous cheers from about 15,000 people



Members of the new political party Congress of the People celebrate its inauguration Tuesday in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

packed into a soccer stadium in Mangaung, the black township on the edges of Bloemfontein. He called on supporters to "defend the ANC from attempts to sow disunity and

confusion in its ranks."

COPE, led by former Defense Minister Mosiuoa Lekota, emerged after the ANC forced Thabo Mbeki to step down in September as the

nation's president, culminating a power struggle with Zuma. Zuma had defeated Mbeki in a bitter race for the party leadership last year.

CELEAN JACOBSON (AP)

Political Power Struggle | Recent Events in the ANC's History

1999 Thabo Mbeki succeeds Nelson Mandela as South Africa's president.	Dec. 2007 ANC elects Jacob Zuma as party president over Thabo Mbeki.	Sept. 2008 Mbeki agrees to an ANC order to resign as head of state.	Nov. 1 Faction of ANC led by Mbeki ally Mosiuoa Lekota vows to form party.	Dec. 16 Lekota's faction inaugurates new party, Congress of the People.
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Iraqi to Face Court Over Shoe Toss

Journalist is expected to appear before judge as legal process begins

BAGHDAD | The Iraqi journalist who hurled his shoes at President Bush was expected to appear before a judge Wednesday in a first step of a complex legal process that could end in a criminal trial, a government official and the reporter's brother said.

Muntadhar al-Zeidi has been in custody since Sunday, when he gained folk hero status across

the Arab world by hurling both shoes at Bush during a news conference. Bush ducked twice during the bizarre assault and was not injured.



al-Zeidi

Despite widespread sympathy for his act across the region, Iraqi authorities sent the case to the Central Criminal Court of Iraq, which handles security and terrorism cases.

An investigative judge will

review the evidence and decide whether al-Zeidi should stand trial — a process that could take months. Iraq officials have recommended charging him with insulting a foreign leader — a charge which carries a maximum sentence of two years imprisonment or a small fine.

But investigative judges have sweeping powers under Iraqi law to amend and add on charges — or even dismiss the case. If the judge finds enough evidence to warrant prosecution, a judicial panel will appoint three judges to hear the case and set a trial date. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

U.N. OKs Attacks On Somali Pirates

UNITED NATIONS | On the same day Somali gunmen seized two more ships, the U.N. Security Council voted Tuesday to authorize nations to conduct land and air attacks on pirate bases on the coast of Somalia.

The council authorized nations to use "all necessary measures that are appropriate in Somalia" to stop anyone using Somali territory to plan or carry out piracy in the nearby waters traversed each year by thousands of cargo ships. Pirates have hijacked more than 40 vessels off Somalia's coast this year. (AP)

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CHEERS! British beer drinkers found good news Tuesday amid a flood of economic downers: The pint won't have to be renamed. After a long debate over whether the European Union would force pubs to serve beer by the half-liter, the European Parliament decided to let Britain retain the pint, the mile and other imperial measurements.

World



People walk in front of the Printemps department store in Paris on Tuesday, after police evacuated the building after finding an old bundle of dynamite inside.

Police Find Dynamite In Popular Paris Store

Group warns of attacks unless French troops leave Afghanistan

PARIS | Alarmed by a cryptic warning of attacks unless France pulls its troops from Afghanistan, police found an old pack of dynamite sticks Tuesday in the restroom of a top Parisian department store.

The explosives at the Printemps store lacked detonators, and the warning message didn't fit the profile of Islamist groups like al-Qaeda. Still, the discovery renewed concern over risks of terrorism, especially during the vulnerable holiday season.

Shoppers and employees were noticeably rattled, and the scene was chaotic as police evacuated people from the department store in late morning. French television showed women clutching one another or crying as they left the store under a line of police tape.

"Of course, I was scared. ... I was just relieved to get out," said Printemps employee Jimmy Manso, as he waited to go back inside.

Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie announced plans to tighten security in Paris and other large cities, and called a meeting Wednesday with police chiefs, intelligence and transport officials, and department store representatives.

About 1,500 police reinforcements had already been brought in ahead of the holiday season, mostly to patrol around department stores.

"France will not cede to the terrorist threat," Prime Minister Francois Fillon said.

President Nicolas Sarkozy, who has increased troop levels in Afghanistan and made a surprise visit there a year ago, called for vigilance but said, "We cannot compromise with terrorists."

France has 2,800 troops in Afghanistan. ELAINE GANLEY (AP)

Israel Bus Crash Kills 26

Vehicle tumbles down ravine in country's worst traffic accident

EILAT, ISRAEL | A bus filled with Russian tour guides crashed through a roadside barrier Tuesday and tumbled down a steep ravine in southern Israel, killing at least 26 people in Israel's worst traffic accident.

The blue bus lay on its side at the bottom of the slope, its windows smashed and a path of debris strewn along its path down from the road. Soldiers and other rescue workers lined up bodies in white bags.



Rescue workers gather near a bus that crashed near Eilat, Israel, on Tuesday.

Officials said the 60 passengers on the bus had just arrived from St. Petersburg, Russia, to visit potential spots for tours and were heading for

Eilat, a popular Red Sea resort.

The vehicle sped by in a no-passing zone, broke through a guard rail and rolled down the slope, said Rami Vazana, the driver of the bus that was passed.

Israel's rescue service said 24 people were declared dead at the scene, and Eilat's hospital said two more died later of injuries. Hospital officials said several more people were in critical condition.

It was the worst traffic accident toll in Israel's history. The previous high of 21 occurred in June 1985, when a train plowed into a bus, killing 21 people. EVITAL LEVY STEIN (AP)


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World



A lawyer attempted to serve a foreclosure notice to a couple who live in this Canberra, Australia, house on Facebook after he was unable to reach them in person.

Facebook Is Legal Tool in Australia

**Court approves using
Web site to pass along
foreclosure document**

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA | You've been "superpoked" — and served. A court in Australia has approved the use of Facebook, a popular social networking Web site, to notify a couple that they lost their home after defaulting on a loan.

The Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court last Friday approved lawyer Mark McCormack's application to use Facebook to serve the legally binding documents after several failed attempts to contact borrowers Gordon Poyser and Carmel Corbo at their Canberra home and by e-mail.

Australian courts have given permission in the past for people to be served via e-mail and text messages when it was not possible to serve them in person.

McCormack, a lawyer for the lender, MKM Capital, said by the time he got the documents approved by the court Tuesday for transmission, Facebook profiles for the couple had disappeared from public view.

"It's somewhat novel. However, we do see it as a valid method of bringing the matter to the attention of the defendant," McCormack said.

Despite the setback, McCormack said the Facebook attempt would help his client's case that all reasonable steps had been taken to serve the couple. A court is expected to settle the matter as early as next week.

“The ruling is ... an interesting indication of the increasing role that Facebook is playing in people's lives.”

FACEBOOK

Facebook has become a wildly popular online hangout, attracting more than 140 million users worldwide since it launched in 2004.

In a statement, Facebook praised the ruling. "We're pleased to see the Australian court validate Facebook as a reliable, secure and private medium for communication. The ruling is also an interesting indication of the increasing role that Facebook is playing in people's lives," it said.

The company said it believed this was the first time it has been used to serve a foreclosure notice.

ROD MCGUIRK (AP)



FAT CHANCE: The association that represents the wireless industry is warning people that network difficulties will be inevitable for President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration and suggests sending text messages rather than calling people, and holding off sending any photos that day.

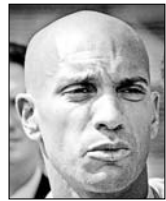
Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

37 Properties to Be Turned Into Affordable D.C. Housing

More than three dozen vacant properties in Northeast Washington are to be turned into market-rate and affordable housing, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty announced Tuesday. The



Fenty

37 properties are located in Ivy City, a long-struggling neighborhood adjoining New York Avenue that District officials say has

among the lowest rates of homeownership in the city. The District selected four developers to build 58 units of housing, including condominiums and single-family homes. A total of 52 of the 58 units will be affordable, while the remaining six will be market-rate. (AP)

WASHINGTON

D.C. Council Approves New Gun Control Legislation

The D.C. Council has approved legislation requiring gun owners to register their weapons every three years and receive training by a certified firearms instructor. Tuesday's vote builds on legislation passed by the council in recent months following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June that overturned the city's 32-year handgun ban. The bill adopted Tuesday requires gun owners to spend at least one hour at the firing range and four hours in the classroom with an instructor before registering a weapon. (AP)

BETHESDA, MD.

Police: Attack on Pregnant Woman Was Not Random

A pregnant woman who was stabbed Monday night in a busy section of downtown Bethesda probably was not the victim of a random attack, Montgomery County police said. The 32-year-old District woman, who is 15 weeks pregnant, was stabbed in her lower torso but is expected to recover, police said. The stabbing took place in an alley in the 4900 block of Hampden Lane. The woman's injuries are not expected to affect her pregnancy.

LORI ARATANI (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Metro Mulls Peak Fares on Jan. 20

GM says transit agency is considering higher fees to help cover costs

Metro is proposing to charge rush-hour fares on Inauguration Day and regular parking fees at its lots. Normally, off-peak fares are charged on federal holidays and parking at Metro facilities is free.

In a radio interview Tuesday, Metro General Manager John B. Catoe Jr. said the transit agency will be recommending the fare and fee

change to its board on Thursday.

Agency officials had initially said they would charge off-peak fares Jan. 20.

But given the huge crowds expected, with estimates ranging from at least 1 million people to up 4 million in attendance, Metro will be running unprecedented rush-hour service for 15 consecutive hours that day, from an early opening at 4 a.m. until 7 p.m. The agency is staying open until 2 a.m.

Charging rush-hour fares will help the agency cover some costs.

PEAK VS. OFF-PEAK PRICES

→ A one-way, off-peak trip from the Shady Grove Metrorail station — the end of the Red Line in Montgomery County — to the Gallery Place-Chinatown station in downtown Washington costs \$2.35. The same trip costs \$4.50 during rush hour.

"These are going to be very high expenses for the Metro system," Catoe said on WTOP radio. "We shouldn't minimize the impact."

Metro also has parking at 42 of its 86 stations, mostly in the suburbs. Parking is free on weekends and federal holidays, but agency officials say they are recommending that users pay the normal fee to help offset the cost of hiring a private contractor to oversee parking that day. Parking fees vary, ranging from \$4.25 to \$4.75.

In addition, customers will be able to pay for parking with cash and with Metro's electronic SmarTrip card, Catoe said.

LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

IN The Washington Post | SUDANESE WOMAN GIVES BIRTH TO QUINTUPLETS



COURTESY OF ANNE ARUNDEL MEDICAL CENTER

FIVE ALIVE: Adwai Mulauai's quintuplets are admitted into the Anne Arundel Medical Center Neonatal Intensive Care Unit just moments after their birth Dec. 2. They are the first quintuplets born in the history of the 106-year-old hospital and the first in Maryland in more than three years. ♦ **Careful delivery:** More than 30 doctors worked together to deliver the babies of a woman who traveled from Sudan to get her mother-in-law's blessing on her pregnancy. | **Today's Metro**

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Dec. 16

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	8-4-5
Mid-day DC 4	9-4-8-1
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	1-0-9-9

Rolling Cash Five (Mon.) **13-25-27-33-35**

Daily 6 (Mon.) **1-14-32-33-36-39 Bonus: 6**

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	3-3-1
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	5-3-6
Mid-day Pick 4	8-4-6-1
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	0-5-3-4
Match 5 (Mon.)	4-21-26-27-30 Bonus: 15

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	5-0-5
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	9-8-6
Mid-day Pick 4	8-5-3-1
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	3-6-4-4
Mid-day Cash 5	6-10-23-27-34
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	7-8-15-16-30

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office.

Kaine May Propose 1K Job Cuts

RICHMOND, VA. | Two Democratic legislators say Gov. Tim Kaine will propose a 30-cent cigarette tax increase and about 1,500 state job cuts.

The lawmakers spoke on the condition of anonymity because Kaine will not make the plans public until Wednesday.

They said Kaine would estimate the shortfall in the budget through June 2010 to be about \$2.9 billion.

Besides boosting the tobacco tax from 30 cents per pack to 60 cents, Kaine will propose cuts of about \$400 million each in health care and public education, the legislators said.

Kaine spokeswoman Delacey Skinner declined to comment, saying the governor would outline his entire package of budget amendments before the General Assembly's money committees on Wednesday morning.

The lawmakers said Kaine disclosed the budget amendments in a conference call with Democratic legislative leaders on Tuesday morning.

The budget reductions would represent Kaine's fourth round of spending cuts in a little more than a year. A total of \$1.9 billion has already been trimmed. (AP)

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Money



Guards pass the Federal Reserve building Tuesday in Washington. The central bank has cut interest rates to historic lows.

Fed Drops Rates Near Zero

Central bank will use 'all available tools' to fight nation's recession

WASHINGTON | The Federal Reserve has cut its target for a key interest rate to the lowest level on record and pledged to use "all available tools" to combat a severe financial crisis and prolonged recession.

The central bank on Tuesday said it had reduced the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to a range of 0 to 0.25 percent. That is down from the 1 percent target rate in effect

since October. Many analysts had expected the Fed to make a smaller cut to 0.5 percent.

The Fed's aggressive move was greeted enthusiastically by Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrials surged nearly 360 points, or 4.2 percent, and broader indexes jumped more than 5 percent.

The Fed's action and statement made clear that economic conditions have worsened since its last meeting in October.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues said they will use unconventional methods to try to contain a financial cri-

sis that is the worst since the 1930s and a recession that is already the longest in a quarter-century.

The Fed's decision was matched by a reduction in the prime lending rate, the benchmark rate for millions of business and consumer loans. Banking giant Wells Fargo and Co. said it was cutting its prime rate to 3.25 percent, down from 4 percent before the Fed action.

The Fed has never pushed its target for the federal funds rate as low as 0 to 0.25 percent. The lowest target rate had been 1 percent, a level seen only once in the past half-century. (AP)

Goldman Sachs Loses \$2.29 Billion

Huge quarterly loss is the bank's first since going public in 1999

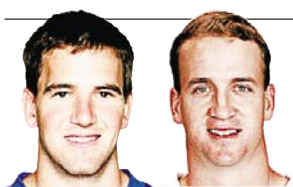
NEW YORK | Goldman Sachs Group Inc. on Tuesday reported its first quarterly loss since it went public in 1999, losing \$2.29 billion during its fiscal fourth quarter, but investors seemed unfazed and sent its shares higher.

The loss proves the turmoil in the financial markets has tripped up even the best-run financial institutions. The New York-based bank has long been considered the premier investment bank on Wall Street, and in recent quarters, the sturdiest amid the turmoil.

The Wall Street firm lost \$4.97 per share in the quarter ended Nov. 30, compared with earnings of \$7.01 per share last year.

Goldman's shares jumped \$9.91, or 15 percent, to \$76.37 in late trading amid a broad rally on Wall Street. As of Monday's close, the shares were down 69 percent in 2008.

Analysts attributed the strong stock performance Tuesday to investors' finding bright spots among the gloom, noting that while fourth-quarter losses were big, they were not beyond expectations. (AP)



BROTHERS IN ARMS: Eli and Peyton Manning have been voted to the Pro Bowl, the first time quarterback-playing brothers have been chosen for the same All-Star game. The Colts' Peyton will make his ninth appearance, and it's the first appearance for the Giants' Eli.

Sports

Four Redskins Elected to Pro Bowl

Franchise's aggressive marketing promotion pays off for 7-7 squad

REDSKINS | Whether by marketing or merit, the Washington Redskins are sending four players to the Pro Bowl.

Clinton Portis, Chris Cooley, Chris Samuels and Mike Sellers were selected for the NFL's All-Star game Tuesday, a consolation prize for a 7-7 team that is all but eliminated from the playoffs after a 6-2 start.

While a solid case could be made for each of the four players, they were all aided by the franchise's aggressive marketing scheme that prompted fans to vote early and often for "the Redskins ticket." Washington players won the fan portion of the Pro Bowl voting in nine of 19 positions, counting for one-third of the total vote.

Coaches and players accounted for the other two-thirds.

It's also fortunate that voters decided not to focus solely on the events of the past week. Portis cre-

ated a distraction by criticizing coach Jim Zorn on the radio leading up to Sunday's game against Cincinnati, and Cooley and Sellers both lost costly fumbles in the embarrassing 20-13 loss. Samuels missed the game altogether following his season-ending arm injury a week earlier.

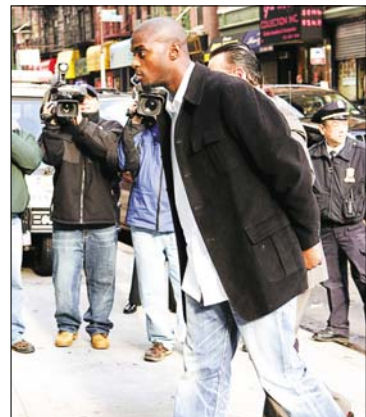
Portis will be going to the Pro Bowl for the second time, having been selected after the 2002 sea-

son when he was with the Denver Broncos. Portis led the NFL in rushing through Week 10 but has tailed off during the Redskins' skid and now ranks third in the league with 1,337 yards on 291 carries.

Left tackle Samuels was selected for the fourth consecutive time and sixth overall. Only Darrell Green and Ken Houston, both chosen seven times, have more Pro Bowl nods as Redskins. (AP)



The problem, of late: The Redskins' inability to finish off teams in the closing moments has cost them during their recent slide | washingtonpost.com/sports



The Giants suspended Burress after he was arraigned on gun charges Dec. 1.

Giants Hit Tailspin Sans Plax

Defending champions' offense struggles after Burress is suspended

NFL | The season-ending suspension of Plaxico Burress has turned into a bigger problem than the New York Giants envisioned.

Since placing the wounded wide receiver on the non-football injury list two weeks ago, the Super Bowl champions have discovered that no Plax means no offense. Even worse, the loss of Burress could very well cost the Giants (11-3) the first-round bye that just weeks ago seemed a mere formality.

The scenario is simple. If New York loses its final two games to Carolina (11-3) and Minnesota (9-5) and the Vikings win their last two, then the Giants will play a first-round game. The problem is clearly with the Giants' offense. It has been limited to one meaningless last-minute touchdown in losses to Philadelphia and Dallas the past two weeks.

"There is very little getting done offensively," coach Tom Coughlin said Monday. "We are just unable right now; we haven't made a play in the last couple of weeks."

The road won't get any easier this week with the Panthers' coming to the Meadowlands for a game in which the winner will clinch a first-round bye and NFC's home-field advantage for the postseason. (AP)



Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb makes a pass in Philly's win Monday night. The Eagles need help to reach the playoffs.

Red-Hot Eagles Remain Tied Down

Result in Cincinnati looms over Philly's quest to reach playoffs

NFL | The Philadelphia Eagles don't have to worry about head-to-head or division records, strength of schedule, net points in conference games or any of those confusing tiebreakers.

Thanks to that ugly tie against lowly Cincinnati last month, it's much easier to figure out the Eagles'

playoff chances. A 10-5-1 record beats 10-6 but loses to 11-5.

Of course, the Eagles (8-5-1) have to win their last two games — at Washington and home against Dallas — to reach 10 wins. That still won't be good enough to earn them one of the two NFC wild-card spots unless Tampa Bay or Atlanta, both 9-5, lose one more game.

How does the 13-13 tie with the Bengals affect Philadelphia's chances beyond simplifying the tiebreaker scenarios? The Eagles

would control their playoff fortunes and not have to depend on help if they had found a way to beat Cincinnati (2-11-1).

So, the tie really is more like a loss. The Eagles can get in the playoffs only if three of these teams — Dallas, Atlanta, Tampa Bay and Chicago — finish no better than 10-6. They hold tiebreakers over all of those teams except the Bears, so it doesn't matter that they would be 10-5-1 instead of 10-6.

The only case where the tie ben-

efits the Eagles is in a head-to-head situation with Chicago (8-6) because the Bears beat Philadelphia earlier in the season.

"Control what you can control, and don't stress about the other stuff," coach Andy Reid said Tuesday. "We have plenty of things that we need to work on for the Wash-

“Control what you can control, and don't stress about the other stuff.”

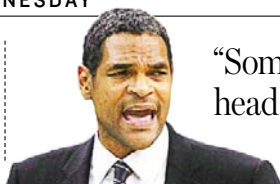
ANDY REID, EAGLES HEAD COACH

ington Redskins, and one of them isn't watching the other games and getting emotionally caught up in those and so on. Let it happen. Let those games happen. Whatever happens, happens. And take care of your business."

A few weeks ago, it didn't seem like any of this would matter. The Eagles followed that tie at Cincinnati with a lopsided loss at Baltimore in a game that saw Donovan McNabb get benched for the first time in his 10-year career. McNabb has been outstanding since returning.

"He's always been a great player, and there were some things that were very abnormal for him in the turnover category," Reid said. "That's just not how he plays, and he's now playing the way that he does. This is what Donovan McNabb is all about." (AP)

Sports



"Sometimes being fired is one of the things that entails being a head coach."

—Maurice Cheeks, taking the blame for the 76ers' poor play. He was fired last week.

Orioles Tap Izturis for Shortstop

Birds sign defensive standout to \$5M deal to shore up position

ORIOLES | The Orioles filled their hole at shortstop, agreeing Tuesday to a \$5 million, two-year contract with free agent Cesar Izturis.

The 28-year-old Izturis batted .263 in 135 games with the St. Louis Cardinals this year. He ranked third in the NL with a .980 fielding percentage.

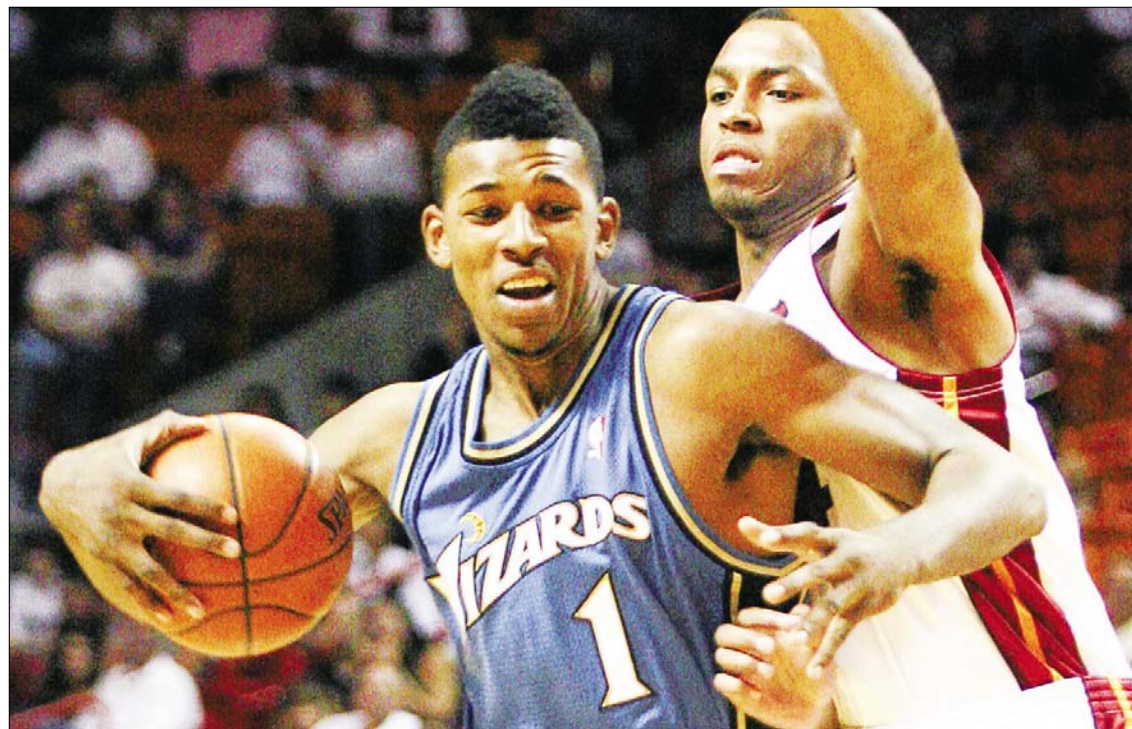


Izturis

"This is a good opportunity to play every day," Izturis said. "I think they needed a defensive shortstop. I just want to help the team win; it will be fun."

Izturis won the 2004 Gold Glove for the Los Angeles Dodgers and was an NL All-Star the following year. He fills the void at shortstop left by the trade in 2007 that sent Miguel Tejada to the Houston Astros. The Orioles employed six players at the position last year, including Freddie Bynum, Juan Castro and Alex Cintron.

Izturis joins a team that has endured 11 straight losing seasons. "This is a good team with a lot of young guys, guys I've played with before," said Izturis. "There's a tradition here." (AP)



Wizards second-year guard Nick Young's mistakes have cost him minutes while coach Ed Tapscott looks for a new rotation.

Young Loses Playing Time

Wizards coach takes new approach to aid guard's performance

WIZARDS | Basketball players, especially young ones trying to establish themselves in the NBA, need the freedom to play through mistakes and find their rhythm.

Coaches, especially ones who take over struggling basketball teams, need to know that the players they put on the floor will execute the game plan and avoid mistakes that lead to losses.

Therein lies the challenge for

second-year Wizards guard Nick Young, whose playing time has recently decreased, and interim coach Ed Tapscott, who is searching for a consistent playing rotation that will help the 4-18 Wizards get out of the Eastern Conference cellar.

Young, who is third on the team in scoring (10 points per game) and is shooting a decent 44.3 percent from the field, has been on a short leash recently after frustrating Tapscott with mistakes at both ends of the floor. Tapscott believes it's time to take a different approach.

"I'm going to take a little blame for Nick's troubles," Tapscott said.

"I've had him thinking a little too much. ... Some guys are better just playing in the flow, so I gave him the release today. I said, 'Look: I'm going to play you the full segment and leave you alone and let you play.'"

It's a message Young appreciated after playing a total of nine minutes in the last two games. "He sat down and talked to me, and that was big. I needed that," Young said. "Lately, I've been getting three minutes, four minutes, and that's kind of hard. I won't have to look to the bench knowing I'm coming out. Hopefully, that will give me a little leeway out there."

IVAN CARTER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief



DeMarco Murray was Oklahoma's top runner before his hamstring injury.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL Sooners' Murray to Miss Title Game Due to Injury

Oklahoma running back DeMarco Murray will have surgery to repair a hamstring injury and miss the BCS national championship game against Florida. Murray was Oklahoma's leading rusher before he was injured in the Big 12 championship game against Missouri on Dec. 6. The injury was first diagnosed as a bruise, but an MRI exam revealed the damage. (AP)

GOLF Harrington Is 1st European To Win PGA Player of Year

Padraig Harrington was voted PGA Tour player of the year by his peers Tuesday, becoming the first European player to win the award since it was established in 1990. Harrington won only twice this year, but they were majors — the British Open and the PGA Championship — making him the first European to win successive majors in the same season, and joining Tiger Woods as the only player to do that in the last 20 years. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL Laurinaitis, Bradford Top All-America Selections

Ohio State linebacker James Laurinaitis is an AP All-American for the third consecutive season, joining Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford and Texas Tech receiver Michael Crabtree on the first team. Texas' Colt McCoy, the Heisman runner-up, was the second-team quarterback and Florida quarterback Tim Tebow made the third team. (AP)

Furcal Nears a \$30M Deal to Return to the Braves

BASEBALL | Shortstop Rafael Furcal is close to accepting a \$30 million, three-year offer to return to the Atlanta Braves.

The 31-year-old began his major league career with Atlanta, playing for the Braves from 2000 to 2005. He spent the last three seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"He liked the idea of coming back to Atlanta, but there hasn't been any formal agreement," Furcal's agent, Paul Kinzer, said Tuesday. "Everything is preliminary. The



Rafael Furcal, who left Atlanta for L.A. in 2005, appears headed back to the Braves.

whole thing with coming back home intrigued him."

Furcal hit .357 last season with

five homers and 16 RBI but had back surgery July 3 and was limited to 36 games and 143 at-bats. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (7:30 P.M. ON CSN) The Washington Wizards look for their second win this month over Allen Iverson and the Detroit Pistons.

NBA (7 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON ESPN) In rematches of two of last year's playoff series, the NBA-best Boston Celtics visit the Atlanta Hawks, and the San Antonio Spurs visit the New Orleans Hornets.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Number 6 Duke hosts UNC Asheville, and Sienna is at No. 3 Pittsburgh.



HOLIDAY BREAK: Fiat Group SpA has for the first time shut down most of its Italian plants for a month, laying off nearly 50,000 workers for an extended holiday as it copes with the precipitous drop in demand for new cars. The shutdowns through mid January affect 48,000 workers.

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The 2009 Suzuki Equator is a rebadged version of Nissan's long-running Frontier compact pickup truck. Yet the Suzuki Equator starts at a cheaper MSRP of \$17,995.

of \$17,995 for a base, 152-horsepower, four-cylinder-powered Extended Cab 4x2 model with five-speed manual transmission.

This is less than the \$18,240 starting retail price of the base, 2009 Nissan Frontier King Cab 4x2 with manual transmission

and same 152-horsepower, four-cylinder engine as the Equator. It's also less than the \$19,995 starting retail price for a base, 2009 Toyota Tacoma Access Cab 4x2 model with a 159-horsepower four-cylinder engine.

But customers who are serious truck shoppers — and not necessarily Suzuki loyalists — won't stop there.

They'll know that the Tacoma has a bargain-priced Regular Cab model that starts at \$15,915, including MSRP and destination charge. And they'll figure out that Nissan offers a few more items for the Frontier than Suzuki does on the Equator. For example, the Frontier is offered with both five-speed and six-speed manual transmissions, while the only manual in the Equator is a five-speed.

But all the good parts of the Frontier are there in the Equator, right down to the thick turn signal stalks and nicely arranged gauges

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and controls.

In fact, if someone rode in the Equator without seeing the bold Suzuki grille with the huge "S" in the front, he might assume he's in a Frontier. The ride is truckish, as the vehicle and passengers bounce over road bumps and bound over off-road trails.

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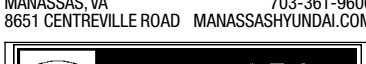
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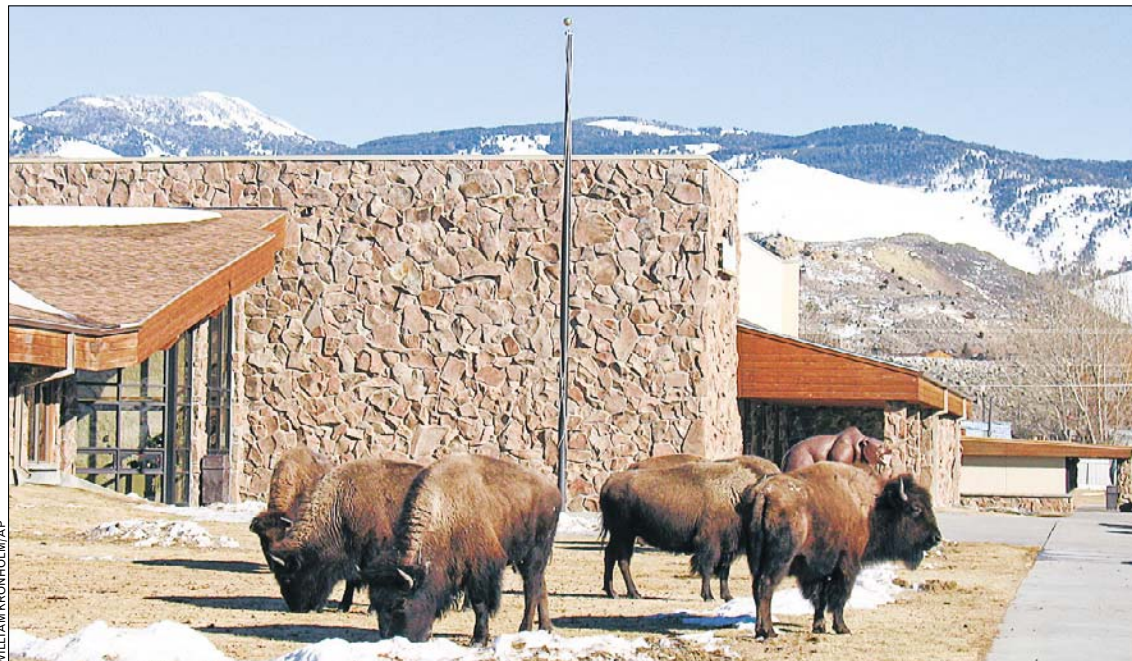
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Travel



Bison graze on the front lawn of Gardiner Public School near Yellowstone National Park in Gardiner, Mont., in February 2008.

A Park for All Seasons

Winter offers plenty of chances to glimpse wildlife at Yellowstone

DESTINATIONS | We were expecting to see plenty of wildlife on a winter outing to Yellowstone National Park, but — silly us — we thought we might have to get through the entrance first.

But as we drove through the gateway community of Gardiner, Mont., toward the Roosevelt Arch, the century-old ceremonial north entrance to Yellowstone, we were distracted by the action on the grid-iron at Gardiner Public School. A herd of bison covered the field.

A few snapshots, and then it was through the arch for the short drive to the entrance station. More bison grazed just inside the park boundary. Interspersed among them were



A wolf crosses the road in front of a tour bus in Yellowstone National Park.

bands of elk and pronghorn antelope. Within the next two hours, we also would see bighorn sheep, mule deer, coyotes, a bald eagle and more bison — all from the road.

Summer visitors to Yellowstone also expect to see wildlife. But most don't realize that winter can be prime time for wildlife viewing. Deep snow in the high country drives elk, deer and bison down into the open valleys, where the weather is milder and they can more easily paw or push snow aside to get to the dried grass beneath.

And where the grazing animals gather, predators follow — particularly the gray wolf, which has achieved star status since its reintroduction to Yellowstone in 1995.

Most of Yellowstone is closed to auto traffic in the winter, but the part that is open to cars offers some of the richest wildlife viewing opportunities in the park. It runs from the park's northern entrance at Gardiner to the snowbound community of Cooke City, Mont., at the northeast entrance. **WILLIAM KRONHOLM (AP)**

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PEEP SHOW: The city of Bethlehem, Pa., will drop a 25-pound fiberglass replica of the famed marshmallow Peep candy made in Pennsylvania as part of its New Year's Eve celebration. This year will mark the third time the city has dropped the illuminated treat from a crane at midnight as part of its First Night party.

Travel

Miami's Opulent Open House

Versace's once-exclusive South Beach mansion now offers public tours

ATTRACTIONS | For years, the iconic South Beach mansion best known as the place where Gianni Versace lived and died was open only to a privileged few.

Before the designer's death more than a decade ago, his celebrity friends stayed so often, rooms were outfitted with them in mind. After Versace's murder and the house's sale, it became home to another mogul with A-list friends.

But, slowly, 1116 Ocean Drive has opened its doors, first as an invitation-only private club, then allowing non-members to stay in its ornate rooms, and now to the masses — or at least anyone willing to plunk down \$65 for a tour.

"It was just kind of a domino effect," said Elisa Brinkworth, a spokeswoman for Casa Casuarina, as the 26,000-square-foot estate is



Casa Casuarina, the former home of late Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace in Miami Beach, Fla., is now open to the public — at the price of \$65 for a tour.

called. "The more people you let in, the more that wanted to come in."

The possibility of touring the villa and enjoying a meal there afterward — or, if you're lucky enough, to stay in one of its 10 suites — doesn't come cheap. But it offers visitors a glimpse of a truly special place long kept from the public.

Pass through the limestone arch, into the courtyard of Casa Casuarina, and the fuss all makes sense. The trickle of water from a fountain, the shift of clouds above, the tickle of Atlantic breezes — the simple beauty of each is enhanced by the home's lavishness.

Modeled after Alcazar de Colon, the Dominican Republic house built by Christopher Columbus' family in 1510, Casa Casuarina is a three-story, Mediterranean-style home.

It was built in 1930 by Standard Oil heir Alden Freeman, later became a hotel, spiraled into disrepair, and was at one point a hostel where rooms went for as little as \$1 a night. Versace bought it in 1992 and

did massive renovations to make the estate what it is today.

Versace's touches are everywhere, often in the form of his Medusa head logo, which is seen in gold, on gates and railings.

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And, of course, visitors will want to know where he spent his final moment that Tuesday in July 1997. He was shot by a serial killer who later committed suicide.

"We don't like to talk about it, but it happened by the steps," Brinkworth says. "We try to live out his legacy rather than his death and, obviously, when people come in the house, you'll start to see the beauty he left behind. It kind of takes away from the tragedy that happened outside of the gates." (AP)



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SMOKE AND CARTOONS: As Cheech and Chong's reunion stand-up tour "Cheech & Chong Light Up America" comes out nationwide, Big Vision Entertainment said it will produce an animated film featuring the stoned duo with Chambers Bros. Entertainment.

We Hardly Know Ye

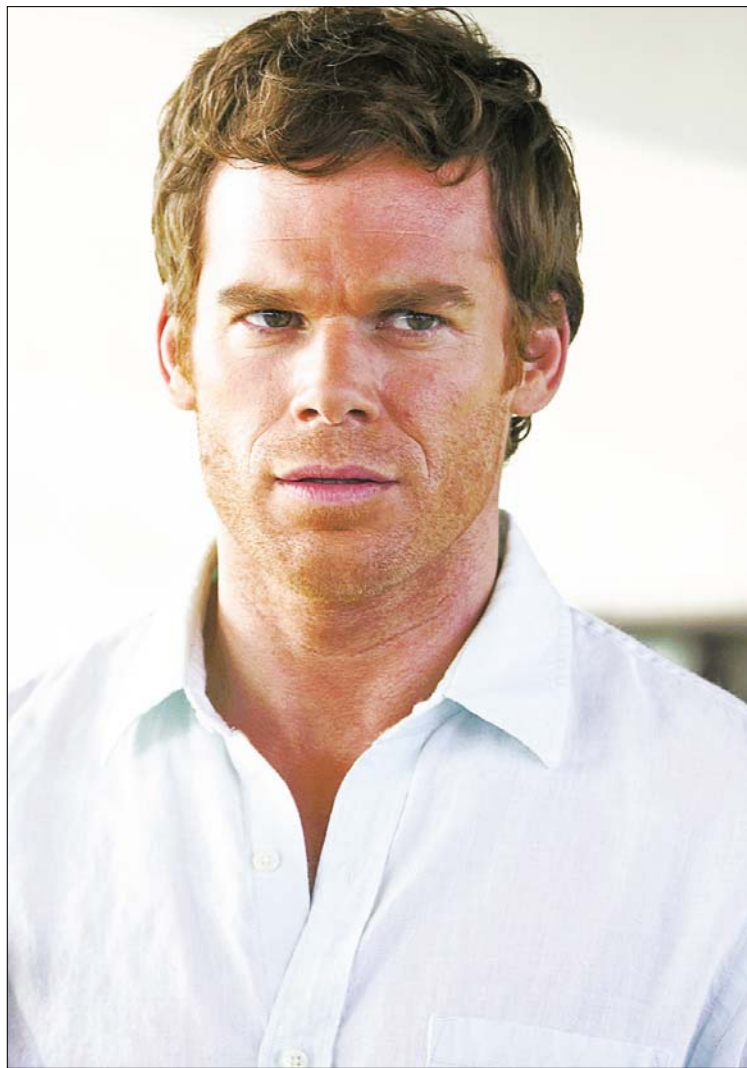
After three seasons, 'Dexter' remains an enigma to everyone

MYSTERY | Three seasons in, do any of us really know Dexter Morgan?

Showtime viewers have watched America's favorite serial killer earn acceptance from his long-lost homicidal brother and promptly end that relationship by slicing his neck with a knife. Then, Dexter allowed a woman, Lila, to get close to him, close enough for her to see who he really is, only to plunge a knife into her heart. This season, Dexter bonded with a man who appreciated Dexter's dark side so much that he wanted to be like him, and Dexter strangled him.

"I had higher hopes for you, for us," Dexter (Michael C. Hall) told Miguel (Jimmy Smits) just before he killed him two weeks ago on an episode of "Dexter." "But I accept that I'll always be alone."

That the remark came from a killer of other sociopaths who got married on this Sunday's season finale, is having a baby with his fiancée, Rita (Julie Benz), and is becoming the stepfather of her two children, made it all the more notable. Clearly, Dexter, in his own way, is a man of principle — he kills only those who have hurt others and



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE? Loyal fans of "Dexter" know very little about the title character's true colors. For that matter, neither do the writers who created him.

escaped official justice.

Is Dexter capable of loving? Dexter confessed then that he has no feelings, but that if he were to love someone, it would be his sister, Deb (Jennifer Carpenter). Just before he killed Miguel this season, Dexter declared impassively, "I don't get to have friends."

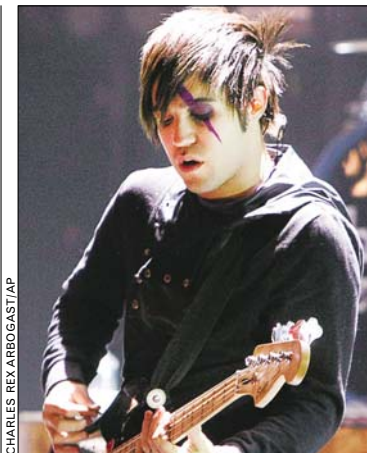
Do we believe him?

"I don't know that Dexter is the most reliable narrator," Hall says. "I don't know that he was at the beginning of the show, and I don't know that he is now."

Thirty-six episodes after the show premiered, the writers of the series can't settle on an answer either.

"In the writing room, we are constantly talking about, 'Well, does Dexter feel that? Or is it learned behavior? Or is it camouflage?'" said show runner Clyde Phillips.

"I always think of Dexter as a bit of a French coffee press. You press down on it and those bubbles come up and those bubbles are unexpected emotions. And it could be anything from affection for his sister, a feeling for his baby that's coming, friendship, whatever he was feeling for Lila last year. It could be hate, rage. I don't know yet that he loves. But I believe he feels something." MARIA ELENA FERNANDEZ (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



On "Folie," Pete Wentz's lyrics are far less colorful than his face paint.

Give the Pop Room To Breathe

Fall Out Boy lets the noise suffocate the substance on 'Folie'

MUSIC | Fall Out Boy isn't one to thwart its fans or the fame machine. The band's fifth album, "Folie a Deux," is a pleasure bot of right-now pop, adroitly programmed with crunchy 1980s melodies, emo's dark prowess and symphonies.

"Folie a Deux" imagines itself in the stadium. "(Coffee's for Closers)" marches in, tattered but resplendent, and closes with a playful bounty of horns and a suite of strings. "Disloyal Order of Water Buffaloes" soars and struts with a newfound love for vocal harmonies.

But for all the steps forward, "Folie a Deux" also seems to contain a microchip for its own destruction. Friends drop in — Debbie Harry, Elvis Costello, Lil Wayne — but they barely surface above the album's aesthetic gluttony. Pete Wentz's lyrics flit from celebrity snark to inane lines possibly cribbed from a soap opera script. Some songs, like "Tiffany Blews," are meant to be vampy but suffocate instead. There are moments when the oxygen floods in — like the Pharrell-assisted "w.a.m.s." which ends in stripped-down a cappella blues — but they are all too rare.

MARGARET WAPPLER (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

All-American Laziness

The Rejects remain catchy on their new CD but unambitious

MUSIC | The best thing about the All-American Rejects is how unambitious the pop-emo quartet is. The Rejects' supremely bratty yet relentlessly hooky singles each have seemed destined to score teenage rom-com dance-party sequences for time immemorial, and it hasn't hurt that their emo-Adonis front

man Tyson Ritter has cheekbones that could slice bread.

The band's new record, "When the World Comes Down," broadens the palette a bit, leavening typically cocky choruses like "I want to touch you / you want to touch me too" with synthesizer pricks and jaunty string arrangements befitting Ritter's avowed love of musicals. Ponderous and overproduced moments like "Damn Girl" and "Back to Me" suggest soaring earnestness and slower tempos are

a drag. But the kick-start rockers like "Fallin' Apart" and the gleeful kiss-off "Gives You Hell" benefit from the new breathing room.

Modern emo bands tend to treat breakups with a severity worthy of Wagner. Ritter's penchant for hummable nastiness is a vast improvement, and lines like "Truth be told I miss you / truth be told I'm lying" are a better representation of actual teenagedom: snide, vindictive and rarely unentertaining. AUGUST BROWN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



Kudos to the All-American Rejects for not messing with a sort-of great thing.



ALL IN THE FAMILY: In true SXSW synergy, legendary music producer Quincy Jones will serve as keynote speaker for the SXSW Music 2009. His daughter Rashida Jones stars in the festival's featured movie, "I Love You, Man."

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What Feminism Means to Them

Female pop icons paint a confusing picture of girl power

BLEND | Young women are often treated like the empty calories of American culture — they're as hard to resist as a forbidden sweet, as guiltily denied and as easily forgotten.

This truism applies to this suddenly very serious year as much as it did in the teeny bopper-dominated 1950s. In a moribund year for pop, young women provided much of the spark.

Katy Perry released the most talked-about single, the bi-lascivious "I Kissed a Girl." Jordin Sparks had the sleeper with her Chris Brown duet, "No Air." Miley Cyrus tran-

scended her Hannah Montana character with her summer debut, "Breakaway." Taylor Swift crossed genres with "Fearless," the album of the winter. In R&B, 20-year-old Rihanna was unstoppable.

Among critical favorites, retro-soul singers Adele and Duffy both got major Grammy nods, while teen singer-songwriter Laura Marling won blogger hearts.

Pop culture has never wanted for "it" girls, but the authority these fledgling artists claim is a great sign of feminism's ripple effects. Swift might play a princess in many of her songs, but in the studio she's her own boss, writing and producing those fairy tales.

Swift is exceptionally precocious, but co-writing credits are the rule in this bunch, and Svengalis are rare.



Katy Perry is a tough cookie, but her ilk does not send a homogeneous message.

These women have benefited from their elders' hard-won lessons.

Yet if empowerment is a given for this new generation, it's also a hotly debated concept.

The controversies that clung to this year's ingenues, whether fictional or real, represent a collision of old mores and new freedoms. At first glance, it seems that they've simply flipped the script on what "choice" means. Some, like Ashlee Simpson, have married and become mothers at an age when their grandmas were burning their bras.

Others are ferociously embracing the beauty myth through breast enhancements or at the very least corsets and Playboy Bunny clothes.

To women who've spent time in the feminist trenches, this mix of values can seem delusional or just plain wrong. It's hard to take in the tabloids and even tougher to stomach as a mode of artistic expression.

ANN POWERS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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LOST AND FOUND: Brittany Robertson has landed the lead in the CW's hour-long pilot "Light Years," a family dramedy centered on a 15-year-old girl who, seeking emancipation after growing up in foster homes, tracks down her birth parents.

Video Revived the Star

Jamie Foxx's musical identity is elusive, but his videos rock

MUSIC | Jamie Foxx would be justified in continuing his efforts as a singer if for no other reason than as fodder for more videos as charming and lightly humorous as the one for "Just Like Me," the first single from his sophomore album.

The track itself is one of five on the album co-written and produced by Terius "The Dream" Nash and Christopher "Tricky" Stew-

art, the team behind, among their other recent successes, Rihanna's "Umbrella" and Beyonce's "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)." It's rooted in a nicely syncopated bass-and-drum rhythm track dusted with celestial keyboards and percolating acoustic guitar accents. Foxx and guest rapper T.I. trade lines that detail his worries about the girl who's doing him wrong.

"Intuition" presents a sampler of contemporary R&B styles from producers including Timbaland, Just Blaze, Butter Beats and Calvo Da Gr8, giving the collection a disjointed air. Foxx's



Foxx's new album accomplishes little in terms of defining the singer's musical style.

identity as a musician isn't any clearer than it was on his double-platinum debut album, "Unpredictable."

Foxx briefly resurrects his ability to channel Ray Charles in "I Don't Need It," while "Digital Girl," another from "The Dream" and Tricky, takes him into the world of dreamy dance pop and gets an assist from Kanye West. "Blame It" (featuring T-Pain) goes more deeply into techno with heavily processed and staccato vocal edits over a metal-shop clanking beat track from producer Christopher "Deep" Henderson.

You would have a hard time telling who's at the center of most of these state-of-the-art but undistinctive concoctions. Unless, of course, Foxx turns them into videos. **RANDY LEWIS** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (1200 100 200 250 400 440 530) 650 730 815 920 1000 1050
NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (150 430) 720 1020
DELGO (PG) (140 420) 710 930
CADILLAC RECORDS (R) - ID REQ'D (210 450) 750 1030
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 220 510) 810 1040
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (230 PM 500 PM) 1010 PM
OC: FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (1150 AM) 740 PM
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (1230 310 530) 1040
AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (300 PM) 620 PM 950 PM
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (1240 330) 700 945
BOLT (PG) (110 340) 630 900
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (1210 240 520) 800 1030
MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (130 410) 640 910

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14

9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
Adv. Tix on Sale YES MAN
Adv. Tix on Sale SEVEN POUNDS
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (100 140 230 340 430 515) 630 715 800 900 950 1030
DELGO (PG) (205 415) 710 1000
NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (200 445) 730 1005
CADILLAC RECORDS (R) - ID REQ'D (110 345) 705 930
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (220 450) 735 1025
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (130 PM 410 PM)
AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (1255 PM 440 PM) 810 PM
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (240 530) 745 1015
OC & DA: TWILIGHT (PG-13) (115 PM) 650 PM
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (400 PM) 935 PM
BOLT (PG) (150 420) 700 920
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (210 500) 740 1020
MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (120 330) 620 850
GLENN BECK'S THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER - LIVE (NR) 800 PM

MAJESTIC STADIUM 20

900 Ellsworth Dr. Silver Spring, MD 240-393-4826
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
Adv. Tix on Sale YES MAN
Adv. Tix on Sale SEVEN POUNDS
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (1215 100 245 330 515) 600 745 830 1015
RW & DA: THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (1135 200 430) 715 940
MILK (R) - ID REQ'D (120 335 550) 810 1025
DELGO (PG) (120 335 550) 810 1025
NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (1250 305 545) 800 1040
CADILLAC RECORDS (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 215 445) 720 1000
RW: CADILLAC RECORDS (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 300 530) 815 1045
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 230 500) 740 1030
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (1235 130 315 405 540) 625 750 840 1010 1050
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (140 400) 615 835 1055
AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (1210 345) 710 1035
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (1150 240 535) 820 1055
BOLT (PG) (1145 210 435) 655 920
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (1140 220 455) 730 1005
THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG-13) (1220 235 450) 700 925
ROLE MODELS (R) - ID REQ'D (110 350) 605 825 1050
MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (1245 255 510) 735 945
SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13) (145 420) 650 935

ROYALE STADIUM 14

6505 America Blvd. Hyattsville, MD 301-864-3456
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
Adv. Tix on Sale YES MAN
Adv. Tix on Sale SEVEN POUNDS
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (1200 100 230 400 510) 700 730 930 1000
RW & DA: THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (1230 300 530) 800 1030
NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (1240 310) 755 1015
CADILLAC RECORDS (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 250 520) 750 1020
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 325) 655 940
RW & DA: AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (105 PM 430 PM) 805 PM
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (1215 240 515) 735 955
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (1225 235 450) 720 950
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (1255 355) 740 1025
BOLT (PG) (1205 225 445) 705 925
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (1250 320) 715 945
ROLE MODELS (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 305 525) 745 1005
MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (1235 245 455) 710 920

BETHESDA 10

7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
Adv. Tix on Sale YES MAN
Adv. Tix on Sale SEVEN POUNDS
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (1215 200 245 430 515) 700 745 830 1010
NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (100 320 540) 800 1020
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (1215 245 515) 745 1010
AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (1200 330) 700 1020
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (1220 240 510) 730 950
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (145 430) 715 1000
BOLT (PG) (200 415) 630 845
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (1240 300 530) 800 1030
MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (100 310 520) 730 940

BOWIE STADIUM 14

15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
Adv. Tix on Sale YES MAN
Adv. Tix on Sale SEVEN POUNDS
GLENN BECK'S THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER - LIVE (NR) 800 PM
NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (200 445) 730 1015
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (100 145 230 315 415 500 545) 700 745 830 945 1015
CADILLAC RECORDS (R) - ID REQ'D (115 200 400 445) 715 945
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (215 500) 730 1000
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (245 515) 815 1030
AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (230 PM) 600 PM 930 PM
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (115 330 545) 815 1030
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (130 430) 715 1000
BOLT 3D - \$2.50 CHARGE FOR 3D (PG) ★ (145 430) 645 930
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (245 515) 745 1030
MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (100 400) 645 900

GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14

701 Seventh St. NW 800-FANDANGO 1721#
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
Adv. Tix on Sale YES MAN
Adv. Tix on Sale SEVEN POUNDS
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (1200 1230 120 240) 330 415 520 630 715 800 915 1000 1040
NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (1140 205) 435 700 930 1210
CADILLAC RECORDS (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 225) 500 740 1020
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (1240) 315 545 815 1045
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (1210 235) 605 730 1005
AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (1145) 310 640 1015
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (1250) 325 535 750 1010
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (115) 400 645 950
BOLT 3D - \$2.50 CHARGE FOR 3D (PG) ★ (1150 210 430) 650 910
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (1220 300) 540 810 1035
OC & DA: ROLE MODELS (R) - ID REQ'D (245 PM) 515 PM 1025 PM
RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R) - ID REQ'D (100 350) 655 940

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12

671 N Glebe Rd 800-FANDANGO 377#
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG-13) (130 410) 700 940
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (230 PM 515 PM) 800 PM
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (200 300 430 530) 650 750 910 1010
AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (250 350) 630 730 1010
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (120 PM 420 PM)
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (115 215 400 500) 640 740 930 1030
THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG-13) (205 435) 710 950
ROLE MODELS (R) - ID REQ'D (150 440) 715 1000
MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (140 405) 655 920
GLENN BECK'S THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER - LIVE (NR) 800 PM

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16

3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 650#
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
Adv. Tix on Sale YES MAN
Adv. Tix on Sale SEVEN POUNDS
NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (225 500) 750 1030
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (120 200 240 400 440 520) 640 720 800 920 1030
DELGO (PG) (130 355) 630 900
CADILLAC RECORDS (R) - ID REQ'D (110 150 410 450) 650 730 940 1020
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (245 PM 530 PM) 810 PM
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (210 250 430 510) 700 740 930 1010
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (1250 325) 600 840
OC & DA: AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (315 PM) 655 PM
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (310 PM) 610 PM 910 PM
BOLT 3D - \$2.50 CHARGE FOR 3D (PG) ★ (115 345) 620 850
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (135 420) 710 950
ROLE MODELS (R) - ID REQ'D 835 PM
MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (100 PM 335 PM) 610 PM

KINGSTOWNE STADIUM 16

5910 Kingstowne Towne Center 703-822-9556
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
Adv. Tix on Sale YES MAN
Adv. Tix on Sale SEVEN POUNDS
RW & DA: THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (135 420) 700 940
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (1200 1245 235 320 505) 615 800 850 1035
DELGO (PG) (1235 255) 645 935
NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (1215 245 515) 745 1020
CADILLAC RECORDS (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 335) 655 950
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (100 340) 750 1025
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (1200 105 220 330 435) 625 735 900 955
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (1230 PM 405 PM) 815 PM
AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (115 410) 720 1015
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (1205 225 445) 710 930
BOLT (PG) (120 355) 730 1010
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (125 350) 805 1030
ROLE MODELS (R) - ID REQ'D (1155 205 425) 640 905

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
Adv. Tix on Sale YES MAN
Adv. Tix on Sale SEVEN POUNDS
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (1135 1210 1250 130 210 250 330 410 450 530) 610 650 730 810 850 1010
DELGO (PG) (1140 200 440) 710 925
NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (1200 230 500) 725 955
CADILLAC RECORDS (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 310) 625 900
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (1155 235 520) 755 1025
OC & DA: AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (1130 AM) 620 PM
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (1220 115 305 350 525) 700 750 920 1020
AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (100 255 430) 800 950
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (135 400) 715 945
BOLT (PG) (110 345) 640 910
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (1235 120 325 415) 630 720 940 1030
BOLT 3D - \$2.50 CHARGE FOR 3D (PG) ★ (1215 245 510) 740 1010

FOX STADIUM 16

22875 Crawford Plz. Asburn, VA 703-957-1035
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
Adv. Tix on Sale YES MAN
Adv. Tix on Sale SEVEN POUNDS
BREAKFAST CLUB (R) - ID REQ'D 1030 AM 730 PM
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (1100 130 215 400 445) 630 900 945
RW: NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (1210 240 510) 745 1015

DELGO (PG)

PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 300 530) 800 1030
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (1100 110 200 230 430) 710 940
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (110 410) 600 700 850 1005
ROLE MODELS (R) - ID REQ'D (1040 140 415) 650 930
MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (1220 250 520) 750 1020
AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (1050 120 340) 620 840

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
GLENN BECK'S THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER - LIVE (NR) 800 PM
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (1200 1245 130 245 345 430 515) 645 730 815 915 1000 1045
DELGO (PG) (1145 200 445) 700 930
NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (115 415) 715 1015
CADILLAC RECORDS (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 410) 650 940
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 420) 720 1010
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (215 530) 800 1040
AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (115 410) 720 1015
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (1130 230 500) 745 1030
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (1215 315) 650 900
BOLT 3D - \$2.50 CHARGE FOR 3D (PG) ★ (100 330) 600 830
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (1230 350) 710 950
MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (145 400) 630 845

MANASSAS STADIUM 14

11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#
Adv. Tix on Sale BEDTIME STORIES
Adv. Tix on Sale YES MAN
Adv. Tix on Sale SEVEN POUNDS
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13) ★ (1200 1245 130 245 345 430 515) 645 730 815 915 1000 1045
DELGO (PG) (1145 200 445) 700 930
NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG-13) (115 415) 715 1015
CADILLAC RECORDS (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 410) 650 940
PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 420) 720 1010
TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (215 530) 800 1040
AUSTRALIA (PG-13) (115 410) 720 1015
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13) (1130 230 500) 745 1030
TWILIGHT (PG-13) (1215 315) 650 900
BOLT 3D - \$2.50 CHARGE FOR 3D (PG) ★ (100 330) 600 830
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13) (1230 350) 710 950
MADAGASCAR 2: ESCAPE TO AFRICA (PG) (145 400) 630 845



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(R) 1:35, 2:20, 4:30, 5:05, 7:10, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15 CADILLAC RECORDS (R) 1:35, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45 AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14 10300 Patuxent Parkway 1 (888) AMC-4FUN IMAX THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50 DIGITAL 3D BOLT IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) 12:45, 3:10 GLENN BECK'S "THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER" LIVE (NR-NOT RATED) 8:00 THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG13) 2:40, 5:30, 8:20 DELGO (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:35 PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) 7:10, 10:00 AUSTRALIA (PG13) 1:00, 4:55, 9:00 FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG13) 12:40, 3:00, 5:25, 7:40, 10:25 TRANSPORTER 3 (PG13) 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15 BOLT (PG) 2:15, 4:40 TWILIGHT (PG13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:35, 10:35 QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG13) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30 MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG) 1:55, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30 ROLE MODELS (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55 AMC SELECT NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10 CADILLAC RECORDS (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14 3111 K Street, N.W. 202-342-6441 DIGITAL 3D BOLT IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15 THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG13) 1:45, 3:00, 4:20, 5:35, 7:00, 8:15, 9:40 THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) 5:05, 10:10 AUSTRALIA (PG13) 3:15, 6:50, 10:25 FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG13) 1:10, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05, 10:20 TRANSPORTER 3 (PG13) 2:35, 7:35 TWILIGHT (PG13) 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00 QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG13) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55 ROLE MODELS (R) 2:25, 4:55, 9:50 AMC SELECT FROST/NIXON (R) 1:00, 1:55, 3:35, 4:50, 6:30, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30 SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 1:05, 2:20, 3:55, 5:10, 6:45, 8:00, 9:35 NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS (PG13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05 /-SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT No passes or discount coupons	AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18 2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886 703-998-4262 IMAX THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13) / 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50 DIGITAL 3D BOLT IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40 THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG13) / 12:45, 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Television



REAL (SMART) MEN: Fox Reality Channel has ordered a new series that puts a twist on the trophy-spouse reality genre. The network has ordered nine hours of "Househusbands of Hollywood," which follows stay-at-home spouses of successful L.A. women.

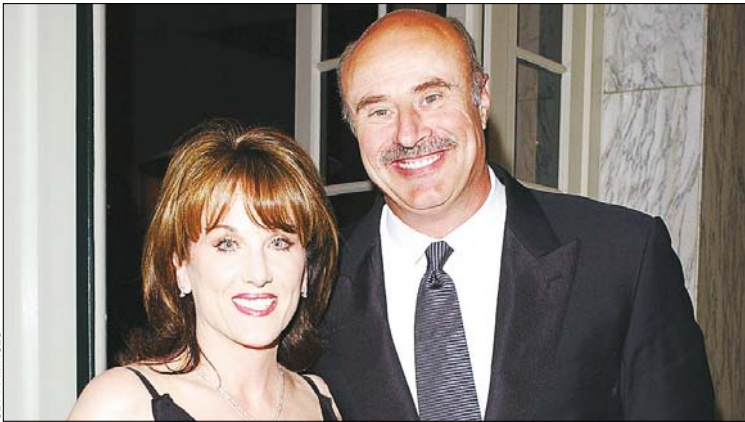
Deck the Halls, Once More

The Bushes celebrate one final Christmas in White House style

LATER, SKATERS | President Bush and first lady Laura Bush will attend their final "Christmas in Washington" (8 p.m., TNT).

Dr. Phil McGraw and his wife, Robin, are scheduled to host the festivities for the fifth consecutive year. The concert, benefiting the National Children's Medical Center, features performances by the Christian music group Casting Crowns, Tony-winning performer Kristin Chenoweth, country star Julianne Hough, Grammy winner Darius Rucker and the a cappella group Straight No Chaser.

The Bushes also appear on "White House Christmas 2008"



SMILE TESTERS: Robin and Dr. Phil McGraw will host "Christmas in Washington."

(9 p.m., HGTV), a look at this year's holiday decorations. The first lady sits down to discuss this season's theme, "A Red, White & Blue Christmas" and the executive pastry chef shares secrets behind the making of a giant gingerbread

house fashioned to resemble the White House's North Portico — made with more than 350 pounds of white chocolate and 125 pounds of gingerbread. The house weighs about 500 pounds. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

CHILDHOOD TRAUMA
Connie Sellecca and Corbin Bernsen star in the 2001 comedy **I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS** (7 p.m., Family).

GUYS AND DOLLS
It looks like half of New York City appears on **MUPPETS CHRISTMAS: LETTERS TO SANTA** (8 p.m., NBC), featuring Whoopi Goldberg, Richard Griffiths, Jane Krakowski, Nathan Lane, Jesse Martin, Uma Thurman and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. "Sopranos" stars Steve Schirripa and Tony Sirico also appear.

HIDDEN MEANING
Necessity is the surrogate mother of invention on **THE NEW ADVENTURES OF OLD CHRISTINE** (8 p.m., CBS).

EAT, DRINK AND BE FULL
Stars of the Food Network share recipes on **ALL-STAR HOLIDAY DISHES** (8 p.m., Food).

SHE'LL FIT RIGHT IN!
A wealthy former cheerleader visits a depressed coal mining community on



Beaker gets some love from model Petra Nemcova tonight on NBC.

SECRET MILLIONAIRE (8 p.m., Fox).

PLAXICO, ANYONE?
COSTAS NOW (9 p.m., HBO) glances back at 2008's biggest sports stories.

MEMORIES FADE
Amnesia strikes on **DIRTY SEXY MONEY** (10 p.m., ABC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURES SYNDICATE)

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Nectar of the Dogs

The Barrel Oak Winery prides itself on being a pooch lover's haven

FOOD & DRINK | Black-and-white photographs of happy pooches adorn the walls, and a jar of dog biscuits are on the bar. All signs send a clear message: Dogs are

welcome here. But it's not the lobby of some fancy doggie day care; it's a winery.

Several wineries in Virginia are dog-friendly, but Barrel Oak in Delaplane may very well be the dog-friendliest of them all. Notice how the initials of Barrel Oak Winery spell "bow," as in "bow-wow"? That's not an accident, according to

Brian Roeder, who owns the winery with his wife, Sharon.

Barrel Oak's dog-friendliness — and, in some ways, the winery itself — was born out of the couple's desire to keep their two golden retrievers with them during the day. When patrons saw dogs on the property, they wanted to bring their pooches, too. "It was always our intention to

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be dog-friendly, but we didn't know what that would look like," Brian Roeder said, adding that very few have complained about dogs in the tasting room

The very structure of the winery lends itself well to the wear and tear of dogs: The Roeders left the floors unfinished to avoid their being scratched by claws. The tasting bar also features hooks on which to fasten leashes and an off-leash area on Barrel Oak's grounds allows dogs to run freely in the lovely countryside. Through Dec. 21, the winery features the work of Lee Anderson, a photographer whose black-and-white prints of smiling pups adorn the tasting room.

Dozens of Virginia wineries, including Breaux Vineyards and Pearmund Cellars, welcome dogs.

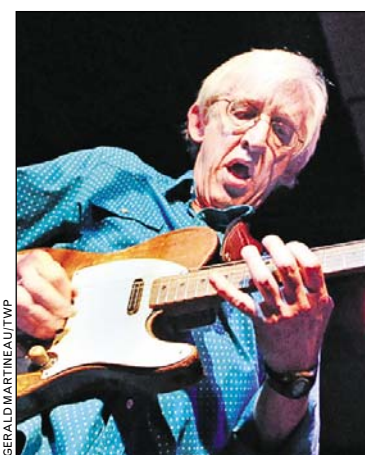
ERIN TROMPETER

→ **Barrel Oak Winery**, 3623 Grove Lane, Delaplane, Va.; 540-364-6402.

→ **Breaux Vineyards**, 36888 Breaux Vineyards Lane, Purcellville, Va.; 800-492-9961.

→ **Pearmund Cellars**, 6190 Georgetown Road, Broad Run, Va.; 540-347-3475.

thescene



Grammy-winning guitarist Bill Kirchen wails at Jammin' Java on Friday.

THURSDAY

Deleted Scenes: Local favorites, sharing a bill with Exit Clov and La Strada. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 8:30 p.m., \$10; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

Falling Mountain Holiday Sampler:

Four artists play a Christmas concert. BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown; 7:30 p.m., \$22-\$27; 301-528-2260.

3 Doors Down: The most generic band in alt-rock. Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax; 6 p.m., \$39.50-\$55; 202-397-7328.

FRIDAY

Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun: A die-selbilly holiday show. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue E., Vienna; 8 p.m., \$20; 703-255-1566.

Drop Electric: Come for the electronica, stay for the trip-hop. Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; 8:30 p.m., \$10; 202-388-7625.

The Last Poets: Old-school ambassadors of the spoken word. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7 p.m., \$25; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

SATURDAY

Oasis: Let's hope the Gallagher brothers play "Wonderwall" along with their lesser new music. Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax; 7 p.m., \$49.50-\$69.50; 202-397-7328.

Rhett Miller: The front man of the Old 97s has an unstoppable style as a solo artist. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m., \$15; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

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topstops



2 Swing Back In the Day

If you're not feeling modern-day music, clothes or attitudes, head to the Kennedy Center and take a step back in time. The Blue Sky 5 are an ultra-traditional swing band that does covers and a few originals, such as the "Tin Goose Jump." Enough said. K.E.

→ **Millennium Stage**, Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

An Elle of a Time

Seven years ago, a movie that was seemingly destined to be incredibly annoying was, well, NOT. Blame "Legally Blonde's" success on a great script and Reese Witherspoon's earnest, comic performance. Then, the powers that be had to go upset the delicate balance by turning it into a musical. Sure, it's diluted some of the movie's charm with a sort of alarming cracked-out energy, but it's still an enjoyable evening. F.Z.

→ **Kennedy Center Opera House**, 2700 F St. NW; through Jan. 11, \$25-\$95; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)



The Golden Age

Yes, the Folger is all about Will Shakespeare, a Brit. But this Christmas, the Concord Ensemble finds inspiration in continental Europe and borrows tunes from the Spaniards. "A Spanish Christmas" harks back to the golden age of Spain (that is, the 16th and 17th centuries) and incorporates a choir, an organ, and wind and string instruments to mimic the music of the era. Hey, it's a little something different as far as Christmas music goes, just in case "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" is starting to wear you down. K.E.

→ **Folger Theatre**, 201 East Capitol St. SE; through Dec. 21, various times, \$40; 202-544-7077. (Capitol South)

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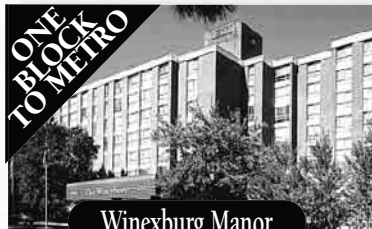
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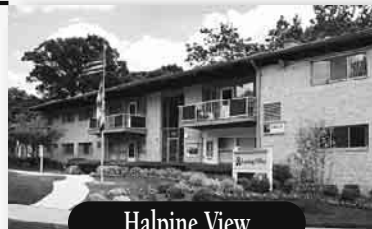
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Food

Researchers predict more people will ditch diets for the holidays

Beth Dunn is taking a scale break. Judi Moreo is shelving her Jenny Craig meals. And Thea Lobell is relaxing her fried food rule — at least for the time being.

"I'm making fun choices, and I'm enjoying it," said Lobell, 39, a professional speaker in Baton Rouge, La. She wants to lose 60 pounds.

"I'll be ready to buckle down when it's time to buckle down," she added.

Holidays are often associated with parties, goodies and the inevitable weight gain. Studies show Americans gain about a pound during the winter holiday season, and for many of them, the pound never comes off.

But with many Americans stressing about their personal finances and the down economy, researchers predict more holiday bingeing than

she said.

"I have been known to go through a bag of Ruffles in less than five minutes," said Betsy Goldman, 66, an attorney in Lake Charles, La., who calls herself a stress eater and habitual dieter. "It's not necessarily that I'm hungry. I just reach. I crave salt, and if salt is not available, chocolate will do."

The holidays are a prime time for "stress eating," said Madelyn Fernstrom, founder and director of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Weight Management Center. Worries over family and presents and the greater availability of food make stress eaters vulnerable.

"And sweets and fats are what people always grab when they are stressed," says researcher Adam Drewnowski, director of the University of Washington Center for



FESTIVE TREATS: Studies show Americans gain about a pound during the holiday season, a prime time for "stress eating."

Seasonal Indulgences

Sweets and fats are what people always grab when they are stressed."

ADAM DREWNOWSKI,
OBESITY RESEARCHER

usual this year. And, they warn, that's going to catch up with them in the new year, even if they do try to get back on a healthy plan.

About one in five people eat to manage stress over the holidays, according to Katherine Nordan, executive director for professional practice, American Psychological Association. And people who use food as a coping mechanism eat more as their stress level rises,



Holiday cookies and other sweets can tempt dieters to ditch healthy eating habits.

Obesity Research in Seattle.

Andrea Gulley-Robinson of Rio Rancho, N.M., said she has been reaching for the chocolate and sour cream and onion potato chips because of economic stress.

The 41-year-old resort sales manager is not making her quota at work, and her income has taken a hit because her husband is a car salesman and works on commission.

Gulley-Robinson, who is maintaining an 85-pound weight loss from a diet supplement, said she tries to work out harder to balance out the extra vending machine trips. But it's not easy.

For some people, stringent eating plans don't work during the holidays.

Dunn, 37, of Mays Landing, N.J., author of the novel, "Social Climbers," sometimes attends four or five parties a week. She normally adheres to a strict vegetarian, low-carb diet

but allows herself to eat what she wants, no seconds and no dessert, during the holidays. She also takes a break from exercising — and the scale until the new year.

"This is the only time I'm like this," said Dunn.

While dieting breaks during the holidays are only natural, Fernstrom cautions against the "Thanksgiving to Jan. 1, I might as well forget it" idea. Someone in a caloric no-man's-land for six weeks will have a hard time getting back on track, she said.

"The new thinking is you have to pay attention," she said. "Otherwise, you will do tons of mindless eating. You will lose control and gain several pounds."

She recommends dieters work to maintain weight loss, as opposed to losing during the holidays, and then pick up the pace in January with a little more structure.

MEGAN K. SCOTT (AP)

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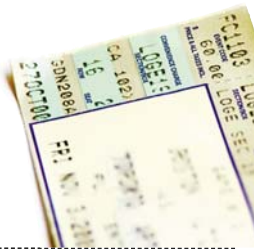


FILM
Holiday Classics

There are few things better during the holidays than watching movies. Ewa Beaujon picked her five favorite Christmas classics — which include many a well-known flick, naturally. But Roxana Hadadi also made a list of the five most underrated Xmas films, including some that will surprise you. | COMING UP

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DO YOU THINK 'SNL'S' COMEDIC PORTRAYAL OF NEW YORK'S BLIND GOVERNOR WAS OFFENSIVE?



“I didn’t see anything offensive in the comedy skit. On the other hand, I’m not blind. It’s sad to say, but most of the time we tend to recognize comedy as being offensive only when it is aimed directly at us.”

COMMENTER NANCY, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY’S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “DO YOU THINK ‘SNL’S’ COMEDIC PORTRAYAL OF NEW YORK’S BLIND GOVERNOR WAS OFFENSIVE?”

“No more than their portrayal of [Gov. Sarah] Palin was sexist. Comedy needs to avoid political correctness. If it can avoid being one-sided with political parties, so much the better.”

COMMENTER BRAD2, WHO ADDED, “IF YOU’RE IN POLITICS, YOU HAD BETTER BE ABLE TO LAUGH AT YOURSELF.”

“Yes, ‘SNL’s’ portrayal of New York’s blind governor was definitely offensive. Making fun of someone because he is blind is along the lines of making fun of someone because of his race.”

COMMENTER ANONYMOUS, WHO ADDED, “THEY HAVE THE GUTS TO MAKE FUN OF A BLIND MAN BUT NOT OBAMA? COME ON.”

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“I’m glad [Duke] Ellington made it on the coin, but I wish the motto was ‘D.C. — A Little Ghetto but Still a Cool Non-State’”

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“A two-hour trip would make N.Y.C. an option for Friday night, albeit a slightly more expensive one. Should we go out in Adams Morgan or the Lower East Side tonight? Exactly.”

SURREALICIOUS.TUMBLR.COM IS PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT NEWS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING CONTRACTORS TO BUILD A HIGH-SPEED RAIL LINE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.

Discussions

Muscular Distrophy

MICHAEL OLIVERI was online Tuesday and discussed his struggles with muscular dystrophy, his will to live and his journey from New Jersey to California to spread a message of hope and inspiration.

What role does faith have, if any, in your outlook?
I have found and built faith within myself, to be the one to count on. I have always believed that as long as I believed in myself, and never doubted myself for a second, that I would always be able to count on myself, someone who I know will always be there for me. I also have faith that everything happens for a reason, and if something were to go wrong, it probably had to. So,

my faith transcends into a trust within the universe that it will all work out the way it should, this journey included.

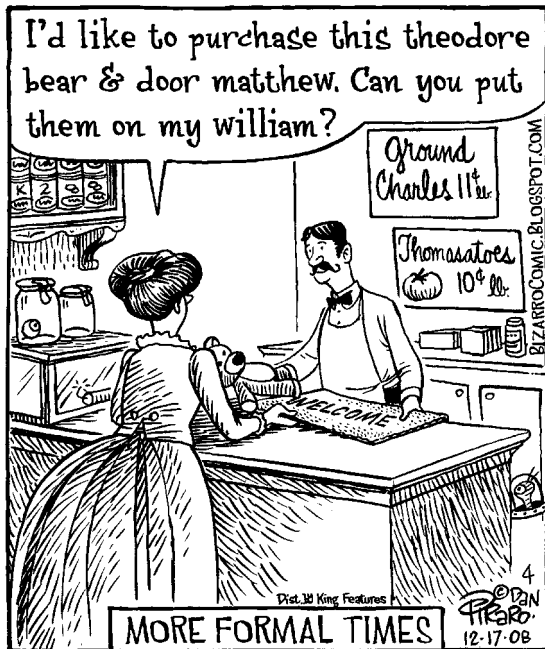
How has your condition shaped your relationship with your family? Has it made you closer to some relatives or distanced you from some?
In some cases, it has brought me much closer to some family members. I realize the difficulty in trying to be close with someone who has a fatal illness, because nobody wants to lose anyone in their lives. When acceptance of that factor is present, I find that my ability to become close with family, friends or anyone, for that matter, will open up the space to become close with everyone who can be at peace with my early departure, which is not a bad thing at all.

You seem like such a happy and fun

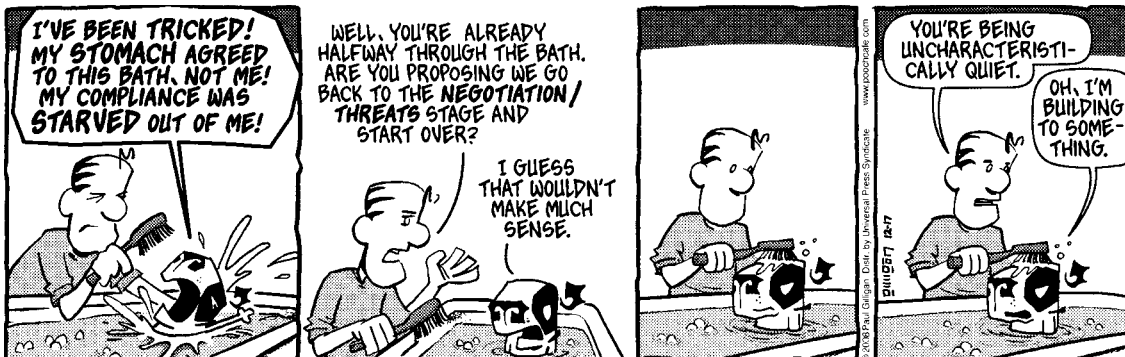
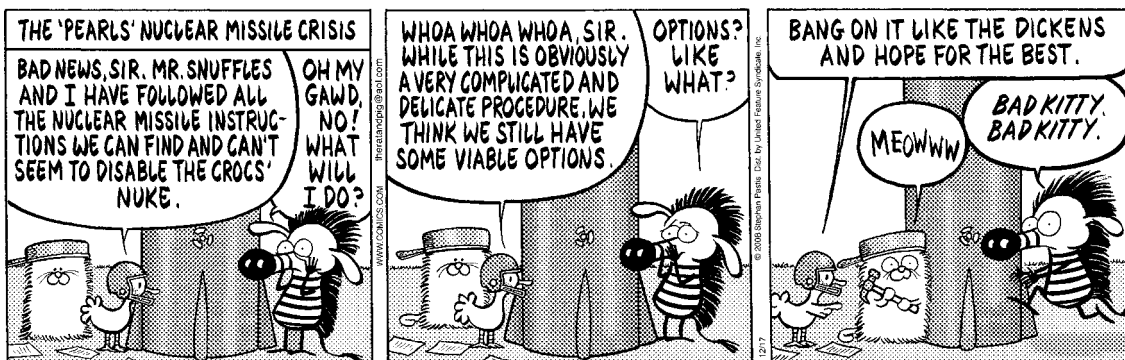
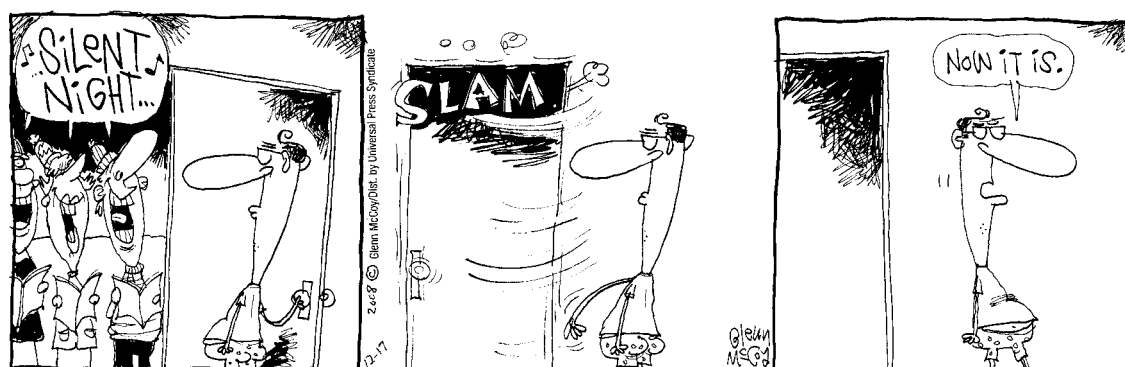
person to be around. I was just wondering, what was the turning point from being so sad and suicidal to having the great attitude you have now? What helped?
What it took was a choice. Something that happened in a split second, to not hate my life, and to love every aspect of it. Some people say change doesn’t happen overnight, well... they are right. It happens so fast, but only when you decide to.

Like my sister always said: “Where you think you can or can’t do something... you’re right. Plain and simple, we create the things in our lives, not the other way around.” Landmark Education was also a wonderful education to my life.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:
Washington Post food critic Tom Sietsema takes questions and complaints about Washington dining at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"I had a very stressful childhood. I blame it on lousy management."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Though you may feel in some way deficient, the fact is that you have more going for you at this time than you are able to admit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try not to be too inflexible. Adaptability is essential, especially where a team effort is involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are not going to be tolerant of those who are not willing, in turn, to give you your due. It may be time for a change in direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can indulge in a bit of self-aggrandizement without seeming overly boastful or cocky. Others agree that you deserve praise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Avoid extravagance. Remain down-to-earth. Try to fill your day with endeavors and concerns that are most immediate and urgent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep things simple, and don't let anyone talk you out of doing things in a straightforward manner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Turn on that knowing charm, and you can be the beneficiary of something important, even essential. The rules may be changing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can have a good time even while working harder to fulfill your assigned duties. You enjoy impressing those in charge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't be overly sentimental; you will benefit most from an outlook that enables you to be, at times, realistic and even harsh.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You want things to be more casual. Do what you can to reduce tension by endowing things with only the importance they deserve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Mind your own business, and don't let yourself be carried away and wrapped up in the idle gossip that keeps others going.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Selfishness is unbecoming to you at any time, but it can prove downright dangerous and must be avoided at all costs.

Letters

Gov. Coverage Not Slanted

THE REASON letter writer Phil Myers ("Partisan News Coverage," Dec. 15) has not heard Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's voice on tape is that the tape recordings are evidence in an ongoing crimi-

nal investigation. I think Myers is incorrect in his assertion that this story has been buried in the news. The reporting about this disgraceful event would be just the same if a Republican were the one accused. Everything is not a conspiracy to slant the news one way or the other.

—KEVIN D. STEWART
Upper Marlboro, Md.

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Today in History

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1944 The U.S. Army announces it is ending its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast.

2003 Former Illinois Gov. George Ryan is indicted on corruption charges. (Ryan is serving a 6 1/2-year federal prison sentence for racketeering.)



Ryan was indicted on this day in 2003.

2007 NBC announces that Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien are planning to return to their late-night shows in early in the next year, even as the writers' strike continued.

LOOKout People



Harpo Films owner Oprah Winfrey announced a partnership with HBO.

CONTRACTS James Frey's Variety Show Postponed Indefinitely

HBO and **OPRAH WINFREY's** company say they have reached a three-year deal to develop movies and miniseries. Winfrey's unit, Harpo Films, had been working with ABC for 15 years. Kate Forte, head of Harpo, says she expects to make a more eclectic mix of programming than was featured on ABC, which focused on movies positive in tone. (AP)

FINANCE 'E.T. II,' 'Star Wars VI: Way More Hope' Greenlighted

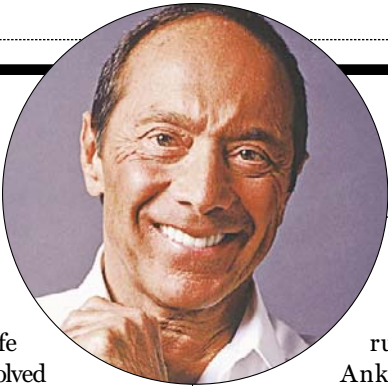


STEVEN SPIELBERG's charitable Wunderkind Foundation fell victim to the mammoth \$50 billion fraud allegedly carried out by Wall Street heavyweight Bernard Madoff, reports said. (AP)



UNCOUPLED A New Hit Single

In an interview with InStyle magazine, actress **KATE HUDSON** opened up to designer-turned-journalist Stella McCartney, explaining she's in no hurry to find a new Mr. Right. "I'm actually enjoying being single right now because I really never have been," says Hudson, who was married to musician Chris Robinson and romantically linked to Lance Armstrong, Jason Statham and Owen Wilson. "So, I've made a conscious decision to try to stay single as long as possible," she says. (EXPRESS)



MARRIAGE Domestic Tiff Just Melts Away
The New York Post reports crooner **PAUL ANKA**, 67, and wife Anna, 37, have resolved the differences that led to a domestic dispute in which she hit him in the head with an ice cube on Nov. 28. Anka was treated at a hospital and released with two

Victim told to "Put Your Head on My Shoulder."

stitches. He did not file charges, and has quashed rumors of a split. Anka told the Post, "There's no divorce, we're getting along, we're making love." He says the couple is able to laugh at the incident, "She has very good aim, I think." (EXPRESS)

BOX OFFICE 'I Don't Know Why I Did What I Did Last Summer'
"Delgo," an animated fairy tale voiced by **FREDDIE PRINZE JR.**, Kelly Ripa, Burt Reynolds and the late Anne Bancroft, won the dubious achievement of the worst box office opening of all time this weekend. The poorly reviewed sci-fi cartoon



about teen sweethearts fighting an evil queen in an acid-colored landscape earned \$511,920 on 2,160 screens — approximately two moviegoers per screen, according to Box Office Mojo. (EXPRESS)

GOVERNMENT 'I'll Take Y'All's Chads Later'
Country singer **TIM MCGRAW** says rumors of his running for governor of Tennessee in 2010 is, for now, just that. "There's no truth to this," McGraw's rep tells People magazine. An item printed in the New Republic sparked the rumors. (EXPRESS)

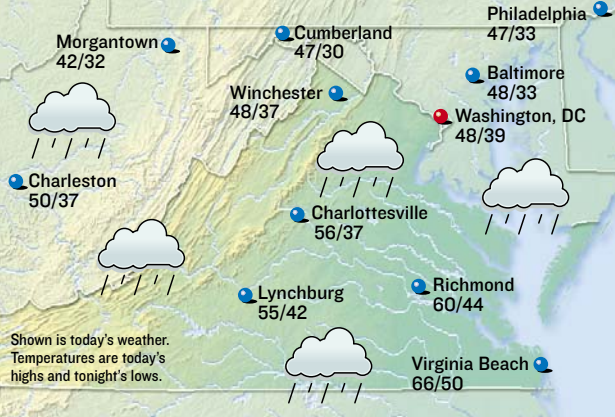


Tim's not ready to stop wearing his hat.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
48°	39°	46° / 34°	48° / 43°	48° / 28°	37° / 33°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.
Temperature
High 55°
Low 38°
Normal high 47°
Normal low 32°
Average humidity 71%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.13"
Month to date 1.97"
Normal month to date 1.55"
Year to date 45.49"
Last year to date 31.50"
Normal year to date 37.96"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtontimes.com/weather

Regional Forecast

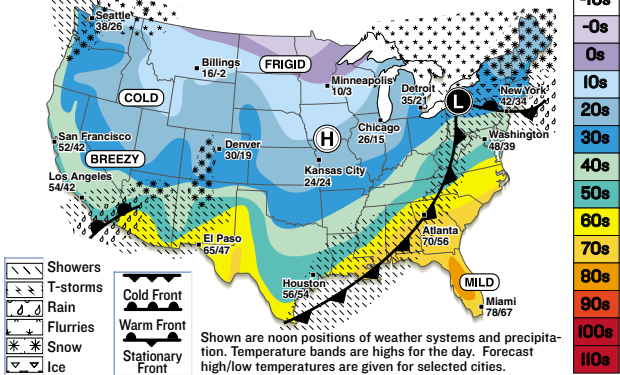
D.C. Metro: Today, cloudy, showers. High 48. Wind north-northeast 6-12 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 39.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:21 a.m.
Sunset tonight 4:48 p.m.
Moonrise today 10:49 p.m.
Moonset today 11:08 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, December 17



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	70/56/sh	73/54/pc
Boston	37/31/sn	42/26/pc
Chicago	26/15/c	33/31/sn
Dallas	44/42/c	74/57/sh
Denver	30/19/pc	41/18/c
Honolulu	82/71/pc	81/72/t
Los Angeles	54/42/r	58/44/s
Miami	78/67/s	78/68/s
New York City	42/34/r	44/36/pc
Orlando	80/58/s	78/57/s
Seattle	38/26/sn	32/18/sf

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	47/38/r	50/45/c
Athens	64/57/c	64/51/sh
Berlin	43/36/c	39/34/r
Buenos Aires	90/73/s	90/73/pc
Calgary	4/-8/sf	-5/-19/sf
Dublin	45/41/pc	50/41/sh
Geneva	41/33/sh	35/32/c
Moscow	27/18/pc	28/19/c
Rome	55/41/sh	55/39/r
Sydney	77/64/t	75/63/t
Tokyo	50/45/r	57/39/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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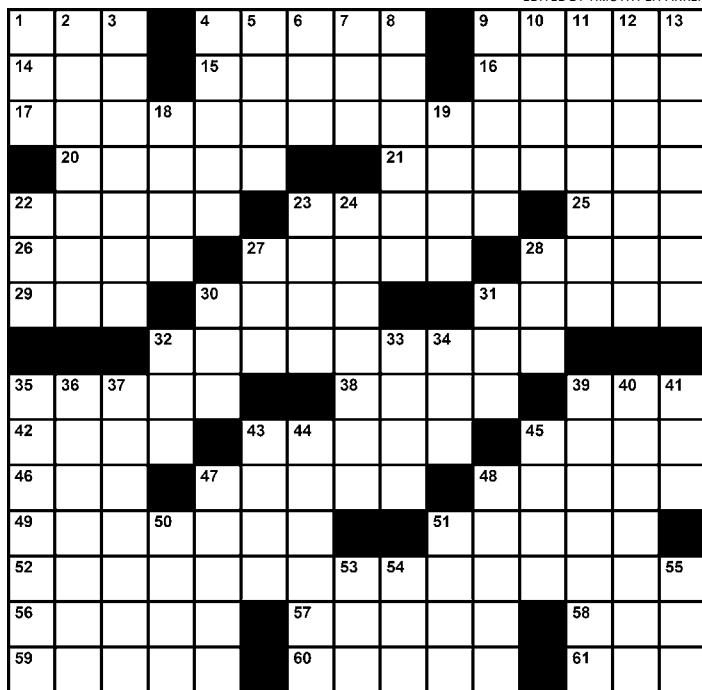
ACROSS

1 TGIF part
4 Alloy of tin and lead
9 Where one makes the grade
14 Composition of some spare tires
15 Hunter in the night sky
16 A "Seinfeld" episode, today
17 Large four-instrument musical group

52 Successfully navigate a narrow passage
56 Glances maliciously
57 Aldrin's craft
58 Feline sign
59 Provide with a quality
60 Bridges in Hollywood
61 Craving

DOWN

1 "... ____ and butts were candy and nuts ..."
2 Results of getting needed?
3 Doctor of Marvel Comics
4 Dog catchers?
5 By that reasoning
6 Start of three John Wayne movie titles
7 "... borrower ____ a lender be"
8 Unscheduled performance
9 Pungent salad green
10 For fear that
11 Craftsman
12 Family tree entry
13 Acquired by acting quickly
18 A big fan of
19 Is at a loss for words?
22 Bug with its own season
23 "Doonesbury" presidential candidate
24 Sea-dwelling
27 Bit of effrontery
28 Warren female

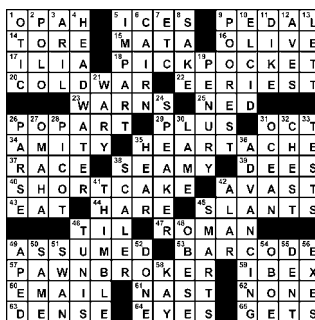


EDITED BY TIMOTHY E. PARKER

30 '60s hip
31 Assets mgr.
32 Wharf pest
33 Fawn over (with "on")
34 Hematite, for one
35 Matthew or Simon
36 Nonbeliever
37 Became a contestant
39 After a couple
40 Corporate baker
41 Indy service area
43 Propagative part of a plant

44 Place for trophies
45 Fifth word of "America"
47 Stage
48 Celerity
50 Cole Porter's birth city
51 Exclusively
53 First name in the "Barney Miller" cast
54 Result of self-aggrandizing
55 Geologic division

Yesterday's Solution



SUDOKU | MEDIUM

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Su/doku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

3	6	5	8	9	1	2	4	7
4	2	1	5	6	7	8	3	9
8	9	7	3	4	2	5	1	6
6	5	3	7	1	9	4	2	8
7	8	2	4	3	5	9	6	1
9	1	4	2	8	6	7	5	3
2	7	8	6	5	3	1	9	4
1	4	6	9	2	8	3	7	5
5	3	9	1	7	4	6	8	2

	9	7		3		1	6	
	4						8	
			7		1			
8	7			9			3	1
				1				
6	2			4			9	8
			5		6			
	6						4	
	1	8		7		6	2	

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